

DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN SHANGHAI STREET FIGHTING

Plane Lands At The Valley

Considerable excitement was caused at Happy Valley when a yellow coloured monoplane landed on the Race Course at about 10 a.m. yesterday.

According to eye-witnesses, the plane came in for a landing from the stable side of the Race Course and took off a few minutes later towards the sea.

A few minutes after it took off from the field, the plane made a second landing.

The light single-seater left the field again a few minutes after its second landing.

DECISIVE BATTLE PREDICTED

Canton, May 26.

Nationalist military sources predict that the next major clash between the Communists and Government forces will be at Chuchow, important railway junction in Central Hunan.

Foreign sources who share this view think it may be the last big battle before the Communists subjugate the whole country.

These sources say that if the Nationalists lose this battle, the Communist strategy will probably be to press through to Kwelin, capital of Kwangsi.

This strategy would result in the remaining Nationalist territory being split asunder with Kwangtung Province cut off from the Western and North Western provinces.

Nationalist sources believe that the battle for Chuchow may develop within a week. They say that 700,000 Communists under Generals Chen Yi, Lin Piao and Chen Keng are now converging on the city, which is at the junction of the Hankow-Canton and Chekiang-Kiangsi railways.

Some of Chen Yi's forces, they believe, are at present moving West along the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway from Hangchow. Troops under Chen Keng are moving South and West from Nanchang, on the same railway.

About 200,000 men under Lin Piao are believed to be advancing South from Hankow toward Changsha and Chuchow. It is predicted that simultaneously with this attack the Communists will try to continue their advance directly South of Nanchang.

To Leave Canton

At the same time, guerrilla forces in the coastal provinces of Fukien and Kwangtung are expected to increase their activities.

Informal sources predict that when the Chuchow battle begins, the Government will evacuate Canton.

It is stated that the Cabinet will probably go to Chungking but the Legislative and Control Yuan will transfer to Taiwan.

Such a move, dictated by persistent disagreements between the several government organs rather than by any strategy, would mean the complete disintegration of the Nationalist Government these sources add.

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The Weather

At 0500 GMT (1 p.m. HKST) from the Pacific anti-cyclone a weak swell extends W to the Eastern Sea and thence SW to the China Sea. Pressure is low over Tonkin.

Today's Forecast: Moderate SE winds veering SW. Fair periods and showers.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 83.5 deg. Fahrenheit. Minimum 73.5 deg. Fahrenheit. Rainfall: 7.8 hours.

Rainfall: 1919 Total since Jan. 1—278.3 mm—11.01 in. as against an average of 529.0 mm—20.84 in.

Readings at: 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Bar. at Sea. 1011.4 1009.1 h.

Bar. at Peak. 29.7 29.65 inches.

Rel. Humidity 73 70 %

Dew Point 78 74 deg. F.

Wind Direction 80 80

Wind Force 2 2 knots.

Time 7:00 8:00

High 0925 0930

Low 2305 2310

Mean 78.5 77.5

Foreigners Marooned In Middle Of Battle SOOCHOW CREEK STORMED

Shanghai, May 26.

With the Communist forces launching an all-out attack on the Nationalist remnants on the Northern side of Soochow Creek, a dramatic situation has arisen in the Embankment Building, where 200 foreigners are marooned together with some 150 Government troops who are still holding out.

The foreigners in Embankment Building, just Northward of the Waterworks Bridge, West of the Szechuen Road Bridge, are attempting to arrange a truce, while the British Emergency Planners are seeking ways and means of evacuating them.

The marooned foreigners are holding a conference with the Nationalists to try to induce them to surrender to avoid useless bloodshed. The Nationalists are asking for civilian clothes but were told that these will be forthcoming if they surrender.

The collapse of Nationalist resistance at the bridges appears imminent tonight following the Communist storming of the Markham Road bridge about two miles West of the Bund.

These Communist forces are sweeping Eastward to outflank the Nationalists holding other bridges at two of which white flags have been hoisted.

The Nationalists in the Post Office Building hoisted the white flag as dusk fell and all firing ceased at the Szechuen Road bridge. The Post Office surrendered followed loud-speaker calls to the

Nationalists to give in or they would be mopped up in two hours.

A new Nationalist defence line at North Station, Shanghai's main railway station, about one mile North West of the Szechuen Road bridge, where Chinese troops held up the Japanese for three months in the Battle of Shanghai in 1937, was reported to have fallen early this evening.

The Nationalist positions are reported to be fast collapsing following deep Communist penetration behind the bridges. Reports from other areas North of the Creek said that a tomblike silence descended there after the afternoon's continuous small arms fire.

The commander of the Communist 20th Army is reported to have arrived in Shanghai today to direct major operations against Hongkew if the Nationalists there do not cease their resistance shortly.

Woosung's Fate

There have been no casualties among foreigners, including British and American consular staffs, marooned in buildings at both ends of the three main bridges—Szechuen Road, Garden and Waterworks—although there have been many close shaves.

Communist troops stormed across Garden Bridge after wiping out the defenders and then began to close in on Nationalists barricaded in Broadway Mansions.

Reports from Yangtsepo, eight miles North of the Bund, say that Communist troops are moving into the area in strength and are wiping out Nationalist stragglers with rifle fire. Nationalist soldiers in groups of two and three are roaming the streets looking for civilian clothing for disguise.

Further North, the retreating Nationalists set fire to petrol and ammunition supplies at Kinngwan airfield. Huge fires flared in the sky and heavy explosions could be heard.

There seems to be some doubt about the fate of Woosung. Unconfirmed reports say that it was captured today, closing the last escape route of some 150,000 Government troops. The town was said to have fallen after a Communist crossing of the Whangpoo River from the Kauchiao area in Pootung.

Other reports, however, say the Nationalists are still embarking on ships for escape by sea.

Foreigners Hit

While Communist and Nationalist casualties in the Soochow Creek area fighting are not known, a Chinese child was killed, another wounded and a French national seriously wounded by stray bullets.

The Nationalists, across the Creek, continually swept the streets on the South side throughout the day with machine-gun fire. Civilian casualties include a statistician, German, Peter von Burg, who was hit in the groin by a bullet.

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KMT OFFICE IN COLONY UNDECIDED

The Hong Kong Office of the Kuomintang has not yet decided whether it will close down or apply for exemption from registration under the newly-enacted Societies Ordinance.

The new enactment, passed on Wednesday, bans all political organisations with outside affiliations or connections.

It is understood that the matter is being taken up by the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong with the Hong Kong Government.

Anglo-U.S. Exchange On China

London, May 26.

The British and United States Governments have exchanged views on future relations with China. It was learned on good authority today.

Talks have taken place in Washington between Sir Oliver Franks, the British Ambassador, and the State Department.

A Foreign Office spokesman has continually stated that the question of recognising the Chinese Communist administration has not yet arisen. It is becoming increasingly clear, however, that the question may have to be faced in the course of the summer.

Recognition was the main subject discussed between the Commonwealth and North Atlantic envoys in recent unofficial contacts in Nanking.

This morning, the Foreign Office spokesman in London stressed the informality of the Nanking conversations. It is generally believed here that they did not approach the precision of the recent exchange of views between the British Embassy in Washington and the State Department.

In Canberra today, the Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, replying to questions in Parliament, said Australia is conferring with other Governments concerning the possible recognition of a Communist Government in China.

Mr. Chifley also said discussions are taking place on the position of diplomatic and business representatives in China. No decisions have been reached yet and no general meeting of the countries concerned has taken place, he said.

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HK FLIGHT OF CAPITAL

Sydney, May 26.

Banking officials said today that the fall of Shanghai has prompted large flight of capital from Hong Kong to Britain and Australia.

For the third successive day banks lowered their rates for Hong Kong dollars. The telegraphic transfer rate now is buying 18.15-18/10th Australian pence per Hong Kong dollar and selling 18.15-18/10th—United Press.

Wind-Swept Duke



The wind played tricks with the Duke of Windsor's hair when the photographer snapped him on his recent visit to Britain. The Duke, making his first visit to London since last October, stayed for a week with his mother Queen Mary at Marlborough House. (AP Photo).

NEW SERVICE TO NORTH STARTS

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Two Norwegian steamers are due to leave this week-end to inaugurate the Colony's second regular passenger-cargo service to Tientsin.

With this development in the resumption of trade with Communist China, local shipping circles predict an exodus from Hong Kong of Chinese evacuees who are undergoing a difficult time in maintaining themselves here.

Both operated by Wallom and Company, with the China Travel Service as the booking agent, the ss. Daviken leaves tomorrow with the ss. Pronta following on Sunday to begin the first of a series of a fortnightly schedule, which until now has virtually been monopolised by the British firm, Butterfield and Swire.

"Except for the essential health certificates any Chinese can enter Tientsin without a permit. Since the inauguration of the passenger service by B. and S. hundreds of Chinese have reached the port in a well-informed official stated yesterday.

There have been numerous enquiries by local Chinese for passage but lack of accommodation has prevented many from leaving.

With this new service, we expect hundreds to return, and bookings have been rather encouraging," the official declared.

Foreigners, however, are beset with restrictions, and it will be some time before definite information can be obtained from the North regarding facilities to enable them to procure permits to enter Tientsin.

So far only a handful of foreigners have managed to return, because they formerly had business there.

Serious Handicaps

"Numerous restrictions, lack of fixed exchange rates and the absence of facilities in Hong Kong to enable a foreigner to get permission have been serious handicaps to foreign trade with Communist China," an official of a "foreign organisation" revealed.

Only those who can prove to Communist satisfaction that they were formerly bona fide businessmen in Tientsin are eligible for re-entry.

Morover, a would-be visitor has to obtain two guarantors in the Red port. But this is becoming more and more difficult.

Consequently, many foreign businessmen have abandoned the idea of prospecting trade conditions up North.

On the other hand, the barter trade is improving slightly, an official of a firm, which has been carrying on for the past few months, declared yesterday.

Formerly, traders sent their cargoes without knowing what they would receive for their goods from the Reds. Goods reaching Tientsin were scrutinised by the North China Foreign Trade Control Bureau and priority was given to its subsidiary, the Purchasing and Sales Agency.

Now, local merchants insist on knowing the type of cargoes required by their Red counterparts and what they will receive in turn.

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A senior official of Jardine Matheson, which operates two

PROCEDURE FOR CHINA TRADING

Trade agreements between Chinese merchants in Communist-occupied areas in North China and foreign commercial organisations must be ratified by the Communist Foreign Trade Control Bureau to become effective, according to the Foreign Trade Regulations promulgated in North China.

The Regulations also give the Control Bureau authority to specify what kinds of goods may be imported by a Chinese exporter who is obliged to import goods equivalent to the value of his exports.

(1) These Regulations have been formulated for the purpose of controlling the foreign trade of the North China area.

(2) The term foreign trade refers to trade transactions between this area and foreign countries.

(3) Trade transactions between this area (North China) and other liberated areas shall be considered domestic trade. Such trade passing through ports in this area shall be supported by certifying documents issued by the competent trade control authorities of the areas involved.

(4) Trade transactions between this area and other parts of the country outside the liberated area shall provisionally be controlled in accordance with the Regulations for the Control of Foreign Trade.

(5) Matters relating to foreign trade in this area shall be handled by the North China Foreign Trade Control Bureau and its subsidiary organs.

Registration Plan For HK

All foreigners and Chinese in Hong Kong will be registered under a new scheme now being formulated by Government, the "China Mail" understands.

The scheme has two purposes—as a security measure and to enable Government to calculate the Colony's food requirements.

IMPORTERS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE

Licence Needed

(6) Chinese merchants shall apply to the North China Foreign Trade Control Bureau for an import and export licence.

(7) Foreign commercial organisations desirous of trading with this area, and prepared to conform with the policies and laws and orders of the People's Government may send their representatives and designated agents to deal with applications, and through the introduction of the Foreign Residents Affairs Office of the People's Trade Control Bureau, for approval to engage in trade with this area, and to open offices at designated localities.

(8) Importers and exporters shall comply with the provisions of these Regulations and complete the necessary procedural formalities before engaging in the shipment of goods into or out of this area.

(9) Chinese merchants desirous of proceeding abroad for trade transactions, shall apply to the North China Foreign Trade Control Bureau for approval and for issuance of a certificate. If necessary, the personnel undertaking the trip should consist of persons recommended by the Control Bureau.

(10) A Chinese merchant desirous to engage in wholesale transactions with a foreign commercial organ shall only commence negotiations after one of the parties has applied to the Control Bureau or a branch bureau for approval and introduction. The Bureau or one of its branches may undertake the necessary negotiations on behalf of one of the parties.

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Importers of American goods, caught in the mad scramble for U.S. dollars of the past fortnight, which sent the price up by 60 per cent, have had in many cases to suspend orders and shipments, pending some sign of returning stability.

Taken completely by surprise, importers, nearly all of whom have to provide their own exchange, found it impossible to keep pace with the mad upsurge and had to give up.

"Can't do anything in a market like this: only thing to do is to sit tight until the rate comes down again, after this frenzy is over, and when it is back to a workable level, we will start afresh," is the general consensus.

There has been little effect on the commodity market, however, as a result of the sudden rise in the U.S. dollar, and apart from some patent medicines and a few scarce items, there has been no marking up of prices.

An abundance of stocks on the market has been responsible for prices generally being unaffected.

Moreover, merchants feel that when the present scramble, engendered by speculative elements, is over, the rate will settle back to normal, even though it might be somewhat higher than before the upsurge started.

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RAF AIRDROPS

Singapore, May 26.

Royal Air Force Dakota based on Kuala Lumpur have dropped over nine tons of supplies to security troops in Southern Malayan and North Borneo, the greatest tonnage dropped in one operation since the present fighting began in Malaya.

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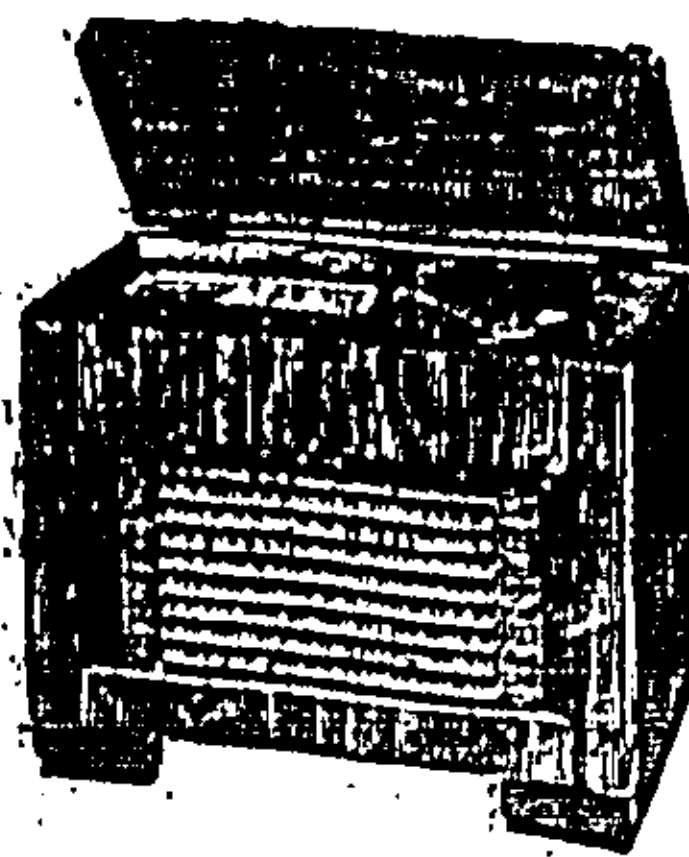
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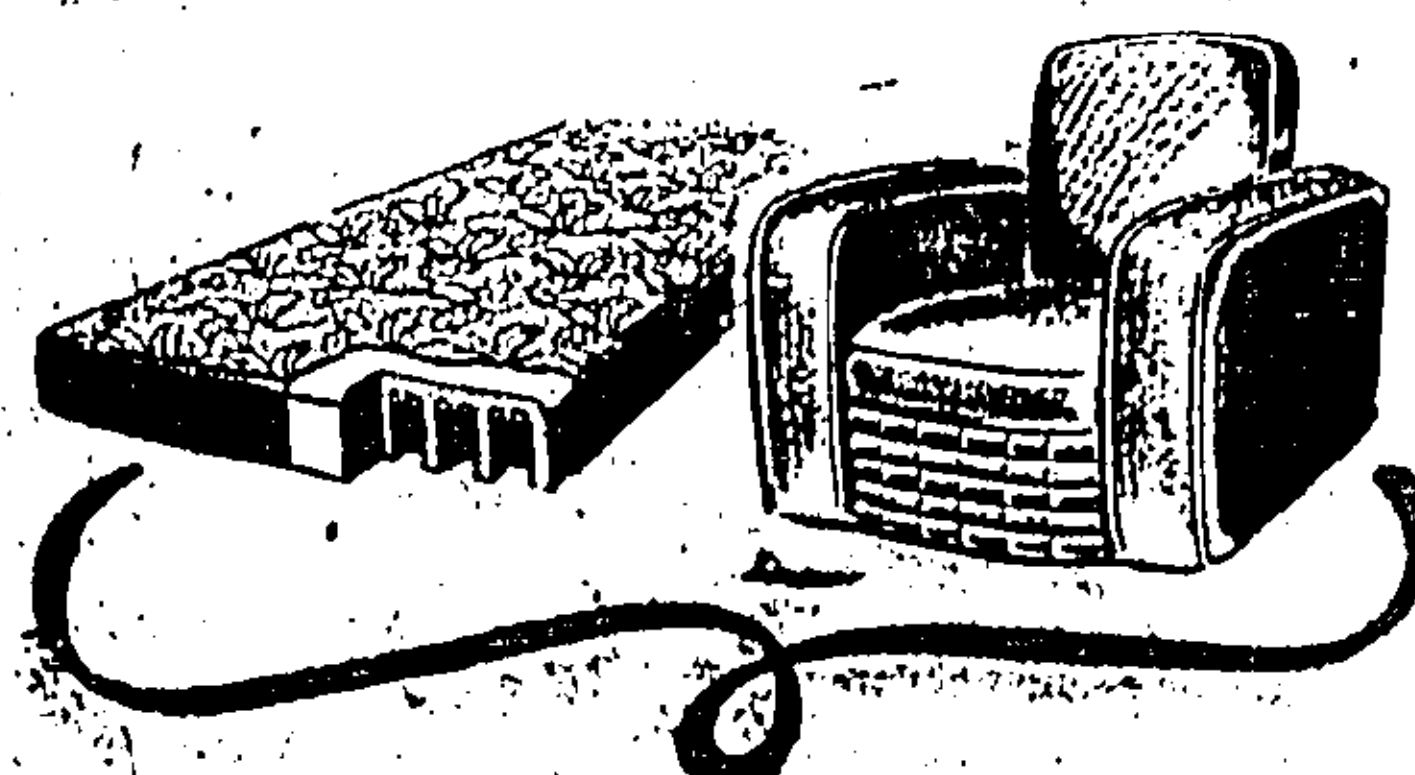


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HK PRESS DELEGATION VISITS THE TREASURY

London, May 24.

The Press delegation from Hong Kong, the Mauritius and Fiji recently visited the Treasury to hear an account of the British economic position and policy.

A brief review of the salient facts was preceded by a statement by a Treasury spokesman on the importance of the measures to strengthen sterling not merely to the United Kingdom but to the entire sterling area, which includes a fourth of the world's population, and to countries which are in the transferable account area.

The population affected by the two groups together totals 45 per cent of the world's population.

The three main factors which have influenced the position of the United Kingdom have had a corresponding effect on nearly half the world's population. In the first place, Britain stands to pay for a fifth of all imports from overseas investments.

In the second place, the cost of raw materials has risen three times since 1938. Thirdly, the immense unbalance between the Western Hemisphere and the rest of the world in trade as the result of World War II has caused a dollar shortage.

By the end of 1946 the United Kingdom had got back to pre-war volume of exports but because of various factors involved that was not enough. In 1947 the United Kingdom exported nine per cent more by volume than in 1938 and imported 32 per cent less.

Yet the deficit in trade with the Western Hemisphere was 600 million and the reserves on which the entire sterling area depends were being drawn down at a rate of a thousand million sterling annually.

Stringent Measures

The stringent measures enforced towards the end of the year made the picture in 1948 considerably brighter. Instead of taking half the imports from the Western Hemisphere as in 1947 the proportion was cut to a third in 1948 as in pre-war level but the dollar gap is still at about 300 millions yearly and is met by Marshall Aid. To ensure the stability of sterling that gap must be closed by 1952.

The Treasury spokesman pointed out as a fifth of the national income is being devoted to capital investment for improving Britain's production capacity or directly in the form of social developments and a higher proportion of the output is being diverted to the export trade, there exists a strong inflationary pressure.

That is the reason for continuing austerities and high forms of taxation.

The Government feels that the drawing off of surplus money in the form of taxation is the only way of preventing inflation which would force up wages and prices and automatically prevent the expansion of the export trade which is still essential to make sterling a completely independent currency as well as a medium of exchange of the largest trading bloc in the world.

In answer to questions by members of the delegation the Treasury spokesman reminded them of the categorical statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the devaluation of sterling is neither necessary nor desirable.

It is true that a devalued currency makes export easier but it increases the cost of imports and therefore in the long run must increase the cost of manufacturing produced from raw materials which are bought at high prices.

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Two Methods

Two methods are being used. The most obvious is the coupling of industries with the latest and best machinery. The war cost Britain a great deal in that respect. Even at the present rate of expenditure on capital investment it will take years to overcome the crucial shortages of various kinds. It is a long-term project.

The second method and one on which short term results must be attained is a better use of the existing manpower and machinery.

That is the only course which can give higher production and enable British industry to expand exports in the face of markets which are becoming increasingly a buyer's market.

The delegation also visited East London where they saw the sugar factory of Tate and Lyle Limited. It is the largest in Britain and the firm claims that its refining equipment is the finest and most modern in the world.

The Delegation was fascinated by the efficiency of the works. They took great interest in the personnel side of the factory organisation as in the mechanical side.

At lunch time the personnel officer dealt with a barrage of questions. The delegation learned that the labour relations were excellent and there had been no strike since the general strike in 1926.

Last week the delegation attended the Oxfordshire Agricultural Show to see animals and agricultural machinery typical of those which are helping the steady increase in home-grown foods to reduce the need for imports.

From a place honour in the President's box they saw prize cattle paraded in a large oval arena.

There is no plan to evacuate Australians from China. Nearly all of them have been so long out here that they have no intention of leaving, come what may, said Mr. H. H. Rankine, Assistant Australian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, to the "China Mail" yesterday.

Mr. Rankine revealed that there are about 200 Australian consular officials, women and children, who had gone back to Australia, and two or three others who have been responsible for its spread.

The ordinary man is not interested in gold. He has no money to indulge in gold dealings. What he wants is sufficient employment with wages sufficient to provide him with a reasonable livelihood, adequate housing, medical care and education for his children.

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Colonial Aviation Service

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved the establishment of a Colonial Civil Aviation Service, it was officially announced here yesterday.

The constitution of the new service—the establishment of which was recommended by the Colonial Civil Aviation Conference held in London in April, 1947—will enable common standards of qualification to be laid down. It will also afford wider opportunities for transfer and promotion to its members.

Final details of the posts to be included in the service have not been settled, but they will fall into three groups. The first will include supercargo posts of special responsibility which will normally be filled by promotion from within the service, such as Directors of Civil Aviation and their Deputies, Chief Telecommunications Officers and Chief Operations Officers.

The second group will consist of first entry posts for which technical qualifications are required, such as Operations Officers, Signals Officers and Assistant Signals Officers.

The third group will comprise junior technical posts—Radio Operators and Radio Mechanics. In general, salary scales will be related to those for posts of comparable responsibility in the territories concerned. The posts will normally be pensionable.

When the final details of the posts in the Service have been settled, a pamphlet will be issued by the Colonial Office containing full details of salaries, conditions of service, qualifications and methods of appointment.

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H.G.W. WOODHEAD LEAVING COLONY

Mr. H.G.W. Woodhead, CBE, regular contributor to the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald" is due to leave tomorrow by the Philippine-Air Lines for New York. He expects to be stationed at New York indefinitely.

Mr. Woodhead arrived in Shanghai to join the editorial staff of the "North-China Daily News" in December 1932. He left the newspaper in April 1933 to undertake the official report of the International Plague Conference at Mukden.

In the same year from May to December he acted as agent for the International Plague Conference at Mukden.

He returned to Hong Kong in February, 1940, for a special assignment which has now been completed.

He has held the positions of President of the Tientsin Rotary Club, Chairman of the Tientsin Club, the British Country Club at Shanghai, the British Residents' Association (Shanghai) and the China Association (Shanghai and Tientsin).

He is the author of number of books and pamphlets on the Far East. His last visit to Hong Kong before coming here in 1946 was in December 1933 when a ship on which he was returning to Tientsin after his Chicago lectures was captured by pirates off Welhaven, and compelled to steer for Blas Bay.

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Artificial Rain Of Small Value

There is not much prospect of real economical value in producing artificial rain, Mr. G. S. Heywood told members and guests at the weekly luncheon of the International Y's Men's Club yesterday at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Speaking on the weather, the Director of the Royal Observatory said that rain-making is undergoing numerous experiments in the United States.

But there has been no reported case of artificial condensation from clouds occurring within a few hours of treatment.

"The difficulty lies in choosing the suitable type of clouds, which are on the point of condensation to succeed in producing rain."

Giving a general outline of what he described as an ever-changing drama in the sky, Mr. Heywood declared that one of the hazards to aviation is thunderstorms.

Aircraft are affected by this type of weather, which he described as a magnificent manifestation of the drama, through the extreme turbulence of the air.

However, through the utilisation of radar, pilots can detect heavy rain clouds and divert their course.

The speaker concluded his enlightening talk by explaining briefly the optical phenomena of the rainbow and halo.

Dr. P. K. Liang thanked the speaker on behalf of the members. The only guest introduced was Mr. C. W. Lee from Geneva.

Mr. Wellington Hsieh, in his capacity as chairman, introduced the speaker.

Monday will be Memorial Day in the United States.

In celebration of the day, the American citizens in the Colony will gather at the Monument at the junction of Tin Lok Lane and Leighton Hill Road at 11 a.m. for a brief memorial service following which wreaths will be laid in the cemetery.

It is hoped that as many Americans as possible will attend.

Inspector T. Cashman called on defendant's firm at 182 Wellington Street, ground floor, on May 25.

"Bobb's" and cards giving business figures and connections in various parts of China were seized.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge, but said he did not know it was an offence.

In passing sentence, the magistrate remarked that although the law is no defence, a light fine was being imposed because it is the first prosecution of its kind.

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In 'Jap Hands

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He was arrested by the Japanese Gendarmes on March 8, 1942, and confined in Bridge House until June 6, being partly banished when he was released for the only Anglo-Japanese exchange.

After a year in the Ministry of Information, Mr. Woodhead returned to New York to contribute once more to the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury," a weekly edition of which was published in that city.

In May 1940, Mr. Woodhead came to Hong Kong as the London "Times" Correspondent, and as a staff member of the Starr organisation. After six months' absence

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CHINESE TO RETURN WARSHIP TO BRITAIN

Prison Terms For Harboring

Two Chinese women were sentenced to prison terms by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for harbouring an unmarried girl under 21 years of age.

They were Chan Kai-ming, aged 24, who received eight months' imprisonment and Li Tsun-lan, who was sentenced to four months.

Inspector Brown told the court that on May 2, Tsang Chong-kwan made a report to the police station, saying that his daughter, Tsang, Chi, aged five was missing while on her way home from 234, Ki Lung Street to 173, Pei Ho Street.

On May 17, Tsang found his daughter in a hut in the Shek Kip Mei Village in the care of, Li Tsun-lan.

Police inquiries subsequently revealed that first defendant found the missing girl on May 2, wandering alone in Tai Nan Street. After a fruitless search for her parents she took the girl to her own hut off Tai Po Road.

As first defendant was working in a factory in Jordan Road she decided to leave the girl to her grandmother, Li Tsun-lan, second defendant, during the day while she was away at work.

First defendant took the girl to second defendant's hut in the Shek Kip Mei Village on May 3 and told her the girl was her daughter. Later she said that she had bought the girl.

Since then, first defendant took the girl to second defendant's hut every day on her way to work and secured for her but in the evening after work until the child was found.

Regarding for tenancy, first defendant said that she had come to the Colony only recently and was ignorant of the regulations. "I am a widow and I have no child," she added.

STONECUTTERS THEFT CASE

Leung Hing-sung was charged at Kowloon yesterday with stealing two galvanised iron buckets from the Royal Naval Yard depot at Stonecutters.

Detective Sub-Inspector Sumner told the court that the buckets were stolen by defendant during February.

On the application of the prosecution the case was adjourned to Saturday.

FAN TAN SWINDLE CASE SENTENCES

After lengthy proceedings in the case in which four men were charged with swindling the sum of \$20,000 from Yau Chong-hwa at a game of Fan Tan, two of the defendants, Lee Chung and Tong Man-kin, were convicted and sentenced to one year's imprisonment each by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

First defendant, Yip Fuk-chor, released on bail of \$10,000, had his bail estreated when he failed to come before the Court on March 24. Fourth defendant Yip Ying-ho was discharged on April 20.

The magistrate in his findings said that in the present case, one Yau Chong-hwa has given evidence of how he had lost the \$20,000 of his own money at a Fan Tan gambling session.

Evidence had been very lengthy and he was satisfied with the facts adduced by the prosecution. As regards to third defendant, complainant said that this man was seen by him in and out of the premises where the game took place.

After the game, when the complainant suspected that he had been swindled, he went to look for the first defendant Yip and was met by the second defendant.

The second defendant then pushed him out and said, "Yip is not here, this is my firm."

The second defendant gave evidence, denying what Yau had said of him.

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HMS Mendip, given on loan to China less than a year ago, will be officially returned to the British Government today, it was officially learned yesterday.

Commodore C. L. Robertson, Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, will receive the 904-ton destroyer from Commodore Yang Yuan-chung, Commodore-in-Charge, Fourth Naval District.

HMS Mendip, renamed Ling Fu by the Chinese Government, is one of the two British warships which came to China last year.

The other warship, presented to China by the British Government, is Chungking (former HMS Aurora) whose commander despatched the Chinese National Government at Nanking earlier in the year and took the ship to Communist-occupied ports in North China. The National Government later claimed that its Air Force had sunk the ship.

An official statement yesterday said that HMS Mendip was lent to the Chinese Government subject to return under certain circumstances. (The "China Mail" learned that the British authorities took the initiative in securing the return of the ship.)

Mutually Agreed

The statement added that owing to the recent turn of events in China, it has been mutually agreed by the two governments that Ling Fu should be handed back to the Royal Navy and that the ceremony should take place at Hong Kong.

Ling Fu is due to arrive here today at 4 p.m. following the embarkation of Commodore Yang Yuan-chung at Bocca Tigris in the Pearl River Delta.

When she arrives in the harbour, Ling Fu will fire a national salute which will be returned by the Army Saluting Battery on Blackhead Hill. This will be followed by personal salutes exchanged between Commodore Robertson and Commodore Yang.

The handing-over ceremony will be held at the Naval Dockyard at 6 p.m.

It was learned yesterday that Ling Fu will be taken to Singapore later.

Of the "Hunt" class, HMS Mendip was laid down in 1939 and completed the following year. Measuring 272 feet long with a 26-foot beam, she has a displacement of 904 tons.

According to "Jane's Fighting Ships," Mendip's armament includes four 4-inch anti-aircraft guns and eight smaller guns. Her Parsons geared turbines are capable of 27 knots.

"The second defendant has called no evidence to support his statement," said Mr. d'Almada.

The third defendant, Tong, admitted all of Yau's evidence with exception of those parts which were against him.

"I am asked to accept the evidence of the second and third defendants as against that of Yau that the evidence is only circumstantial," stated the magistrate.

Mr. d'Almada added that there can be no doubt that the second and third defendants were concerned parties in the swindle whereby the complainant lost the sum of \$20,000.

Submitting that the defendants have been detained in custody since last September, Mr. d'Almada asked the magistrate to order that the sentences be dated back to their arrests.

"Should they have pleaded guilty in the first instance, they probably would have been released," submitted the counsel.

The magistrate ordered that their sentences be effectively as from the date of their arrests, September 11, 1948.

The sum of \$4,500 found in a safe and claimed by the first defendant was ordered to be forfeited to the Crown.

ILLEGAL ENTRY CASE ADJOURNED

The prosecution insisting on pressing for an expulsion order against Mrs. G. I. Kamachikin, on whom a conviction was registered for illegal entry to the Colony on May 21, the case was further adjourned for a week by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Mr. M. de Silva, for defendant, asked the court to refuse the application.

He went on to say that should his application for Mrs. Kamachikin be dealt with unreasonably by the Immigration Office, a petition will be submitted to the Governor directly.

Procedure For China Trading

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Ratification
(11) Contracts and agreements entered into between a Chinese merchant and a foreign commercial origin shall be ratified by the Control Bureau before they shall be deemed effective.

(12) Where an importer or exporter is found to have violated the law or indulged in corrupt practices, the Control Bureau may penalise him through the order of restriction, suspension of operations or revocation of licence in accordance with the nature of the offence.

(13) An exporter shall not dispatch a shipment after he has obtained an export licence from the Control Bureau or a branch Bureau.

(14) Normal exports shall include all items listed in the Tariff regulations as tax-free subject to taxation.

(15) Specially authorised exports include the following: Goods registered as items dealt with exclusively by the State operated Foreign Trade Company—Gifts, samples, and daily necessities involving no commercial act, and valued at not more than \$50,000; (North China Currency)—Goods normally banned from export but exported under special authority.

(16) An export of goods from this area shall bring back to the area goods of the same value, or the arrival of such imports, shall apply to the Control Bureau or a branch Bureau to be released from bond, or alternately, he shall apply to the People's Bank (or its appointed foreign exchange bank) to attend to the necessary formalities in accordance with the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations for the North China Area.

(17) If necessary, the Control Bureau or a branch Bureau may specify the kind of goods an exporter must import in accordance with these Regulations.

(18) Exports under Article 16, section (2) shall be exempted from the various export formalities.

(19) An importer shall only bring in a shipment after he has obtained an import licence from the Control Bureau or a branch Bureau.

(20) Normal imports shall include all items listed in the Tariff as duty-free or dutiable imports.

(21) Specially authorised imports include the following: Samples and gifts involving no commercial act and needing no foreign exchange, and foreign donations not exceeding \$5,000 in value—Imports with self-provided exchange, without the need for engaging in subsequent exports to pay for them—Goods normally banned from import but imported under special authority.

(22) Imports under Article 21, section (1) shall be exempted from the various import formalities.

(23) If necessary, the Control Bureau may specify that the State operated Foreign Trade Company undertake the purchase of an imported shipment. Such purchase shall provide the importer with a fixed margin of profit.

KEEPER GAOLED
An opium divan keeper was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour for possessing three opium pipes, 2.9 mace of opium and running an opium divan.

Yung Tai, aged 28, and eight smokers were arrested on Wednesday at 65 Portland Street first floor.

Three smokers who were out on bail were fined \$125, but the others were fined \$100 or four weeks' imprisonment.

CHILD KILLED
Chan Yu-bing, aged nine, was knocked down by a lorry at about 7 p.m. yesterday at the junction of Tai Po and Castle Peak Road. She was taken to Kwong Wah Hospital with injuries to the head, and died a few hours later.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Saigon on account of plague, and against arrivals from Bangkok on account of cholera.

Chinese Shipping Concentrates In HK

There has been a concentration of Chinese vessels in local waters for the past few days, apparently as a result of the turmoil in the Shanghai area.

The China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company, a Nationalist-controlled organisation, alone has 14 ships in port. The last to reach the Colony from Shanghai are the tug Ming 302, towing the Hung Ching and the Chi Ping.

"Our ships will operate as usual notwithstanding ports which are now under Communist occupation," a senior official of the company said yesterday.

The company has a fleet of about 100 coasters and inland river craft.

"So far, we have no definite information regarding the exact number that are now in our hands. However, I don't think

Reminders

Today

Women's Home-nursing demonstration, European YMCA, 10.30 a.m.
HK Stage Club presents "Quiet Week-end" China Fleet Club Theatre, 9 p.m.
HK Football Association meeting Lo and Lo's offices, 5.15 p.m.
League Tennis, Mixed Doubles "B" Division

Handing over of CS Ling Fu to Royal Navy, HM Dockyard, 5 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
United Services Recreation Club dance, 9 p.m.
Dinner in honour of Mr. Henry Wong G. Hong, President of Manila Cosmos Aerated Water Factory, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 7.30 p.m.
Beach Picnic, European YMCA, 2.30 p.m. (to Silverstrand Beach)

Law Bowls, league matches, at all clubs.
Royal Artillery, Regimental All Ranks Dance, Gun Club Hall, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Tec H Classical concert, 30, Macdonnell Road, Talbot House, 5.30 p.m.
Diocesan Centenary Service, St. John's Cathedral, 7.30 p.m.
Talk on "A Serviceman Abroad" by Mr. P. Addison, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

Beach Picnic, European YMCA, to Silverstrand Beach, 2.30 p.m.
Opening of HK Gun Club, at Kwai Chung, 7-mile Castle Peak Road, 3 p.m.

MONDAY

Cocktail Party to meet the new Colonial Secretary Mr. J. F. Nicoll, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.

NEW SERVICE TO NORTH STARTS

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The company has the Chaksang and Choy-sang, running on a fortnightly schedule from Tientsin to Hong Kong.

A spokesman for Butterfield and Swire said that the company's operation on this line have been going on as usual.

More foreigners are returning to Tientsin, with the usual number of Chinese. But more Chinese are leaving the Red port, he declared.

The amount of cargo ferried to and from this normal.

The local office is maintaining regular communication with Tientsin.

Until now, B. and S. has been the only company offering passage. Would-be passengers, however, have to apply for permits from their own country.

The Hunan left yesterday with about 100 passengers, including four Europeans. She is one of three B. and S. coasters on this line, with Incheon, South Korea, as a port of call.

Figures of foreign passengers who have left by B. and S. ships for the North are not available. Meanwhile, foreigners returning from the North reveal that their biggest headache was the monetary problem. The Reds have no fixed exchange. Latest information available is that one American dollar fetched \$1,100 "People's Money" at the beginning of this month on the black-market.

The "official" rate was then US\$1.00 to \$800 Red currency. The Nationalist Bank of China, at Tientsin, which has been taken over by the Reds, has been assigned to handle foreign exchange. If there had not been enough, they would have simply arranged for more iron to be put there, he declared.

Judgment Upheld By Appeal Court

The decision of the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, in an action involving 1,400 tons of scrap iron, judgment in which was given on February 5, was upheld by a Full Court of Appeal yesterday.

An appeal was brought by defendants in the action, the Yuen Dah Iron Works, whose counter-claim in the case failed.

The Full Court was composed of Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, and Mr. A. D. Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

Appellants in the case were represented by Mr. E. A. Bernacchi, on the instructions of Mr. A. S. K. Lau, Respondents, the Chung Shing Company, were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, and Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. A. Y. Hon.

The action before the Chief Justice had been one arising out of a contract for the sale and purchase of 1,400 tons of scrap iron. Plaintiffs, the Chung Shing Company, originally claimed \$3,071.60 from defendants as balance due under the contract.

This claim was admitted by defendants, who filed a counter-claim for \$21,313.40.

The appeal before the Full Court yesterday was for an order that the judgment of the Chief Justice be reversed, and that judgment be entered for appellants, in the terms of the counterclaim.

The appeal was further that the costs of the claim and the counter-claim be ordered to be paid by respondents. Appellants also claimed that the learned Judge was wrong in law in holding that defendants' counter-claim failed by reason of the fact that they did not pay the full purchase price of the iron.

Opening his case, Mr. Bernacchi remarked that the action had been a strange one. He stated that Mr. Clifford had informed him that he was under the impression that he had the assurance that the case was purely an issue of fact.

No Authorities

At the last moment, Mr. Bernacchi continued, without any authority in support, Mr. Clifford took the point on which judgment was finally in his favour.

Counsel went on to say that, without authorities, he must have conceived that he most wrongfully at the time regarded it as being of very passing importance. "If I may not quote any authorities," he added, "the consequence of this was that the Judge had reason to remark that it was an issue that should be argued before him, and that in fact it was not argued."

Mr. Bernacchi submitted that if the case had been properly argued the Judge's decision would have been the other way round.

Counsel then went on to comment at length on various passages from the Chief Justice's judgment, during which time he submitted that the money had been paid in order to get delivery.

If the goods, he said, were not available in the godown for delivery, there was no obligation on appellants' part to pay the purchase price.

"It is quite clear that these goods were at no time available in their godown," Mr. Bernacchi stated.

Counsel then went on to deal with the question of interpretation of the terms of the contract.

"Dominating"

At a point raised by Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. Potter rose and declared that his clients did not guarantee there were 1,400 tons of iron in the pile to be sorted. If there had not been enough, they would have simply arranged for more iron to be put there, he declared.

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The Portuguese Institute of
Hong Kong, is commemorating the
4th. century of the arrival
in Japan, of St. Francis Xavier,
a great missionary figure who
is one of the highest in the
Portuguese Patronage of the
Orient.

On the 30th. of this month,
at 6.30 p.m. in the Club Lusita-
no, the Rev. Father F. Cronin, S.J., will speak on the
"Significance of the St. Francis
Xavier centenary in Japan."

The Institute extends its in-
vitation to all the Catholics of
Hong Kong for their presence
at this lecture.

NOTICE

DIOCESAN SCHOOL OLD
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UNVEILING AND
DEDICATION OF WAR
MEMORIAL

All members of the Associa-
tion and Old Boys and their
families are earnestly requested
to attend the above ceremony
at the School on Saturday, 28th
May, 1949 at 4.00 p.m. Tea at
4.30 p.m.

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It is notified that all claims
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Ralph Fairburn Craik Oliver
should be submitted to the
Commissioner of Police, Ad-
ministrator of the said estate,
not later than 8th June, 1949.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
May 25, 1949.

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Leonard Haynes should be sub-
mitted to the Commissioner of
Police, Administrator of the
said estate, not later than 8th
June, 1949.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
May 25, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE NO. 19/49

FOR INFORMATION OF
SHIP OPERATORS AND
CHARTERERS.

It is hereby notified that
Tuesday, 24th May, 1949, has
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Marine Office,
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SATURDAY, 4th and MONDAY, 6th June 1949.

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rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.; on
the Second Day, Monday 6th June, the First Belt will be rung
at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12 noon. The
Tiffin interval will be after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through Numbers (22 Races—\$44.00) may be obtained at
the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also
tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the
second day. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race
of the second day may be purchased also at the Club's Branch
Office, No. 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their
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NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO
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Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure
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The Treasurer's Comptrol Office will close at 11 a.m. the
First Day and at 9.30 a.m. on the Second Day. The Secretary's
office will close at 11.45 a.m. the First Day and at 10 a.m. on the
Second Day. Both Offices at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club
House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 3
Boy (Tel. 72818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3
including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable
at the Gate.

Bookmakers. The Two men, etc. will not be permitted to
operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club
during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the
Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders
ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination
and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of
such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure
except for passing through on their duties and must remain
in their employers' hands.

BY ORDER
P. L. Prophet,
Actg. Secretary.

KAI TAK AIRPORT HAS A QUIET DAY

Kai Tak Airport passed an unusually quiet day
yesterday, which fitted in nicely with the all-
airlines monthly meeting.

At the meeting in the VIP
room were also a number of
Government officials. News-
men became nosy about what
was going on behind the closed
door with the session last-
ing more than two hours.

Mr. Hamilton, of the Civil
Aviation Department, calmed
curiosity with a short statement
that the airlines' big wigs were
merely discussing the new Im-
migration Ordinance.

At Mrs. "Gee" Glatly's Dairy
Farm Snackeria, the ever happy
Mrs. "Gee" took time off to
grumble about her floor. "It
seems that people must deposit
their chewing gum everywhere
but the right place!" she said
when asked why the furrowed
brow on such a fine day. (It
was).

Only the other day Mrs. "Gee"
had one of her boys squinting
the floor with a chisel scraping
but the gum that dotted her tidy
Snackeria floor. Yesterday, she
came across the black spots again.
"Boy!" she was heard calling, but
the roar of a plane taking off
drowned everything else.

In the past—a few days ago
that is—whenver on American
voice came over the mike with:
"Will all CATC passengers for
Canton..." It was Evelyn Yau's,
trim CATC ground receptionist.
Yesterday Evelyn was unusually

quiet. She wasn't feeling well.
Something nasty had got into her
eye and she was feeling "just
awful," she said. Her left eye
was bandaged.

Leaving on Brathens today for
Oslo, is Mrs. Lillieba Glatved,
wife of Mr. Peter Glatved of
Wallen's (agent for Brathens).
"Lillieba" is going home for a
holiday of some months; her air-
line agent's husband said.

On the BOAC flying boat which
touched down yesterday at 5 p.m.
was Brigadier F. P. L. Gray, from
Singapore.

Brigadier Gray is the Chief of
the Signal Office, GHQ, Singa-
pore. He is here on a two-week
visit to discuss signal planning
with local army chiefs. Major M.
J. R. Fletcher accompanied the
Brigadier.

On the same plane came Major
E. A. Billett to take over Army
PRO duties.

Arriving by BOAC flying boat
yesterday was Mr. Ian Morrison,
a London "Times" correspondent.

Mr. Webster, the Manila man-
ager of the Hong Kong and Shang-
hai Banking Corporation, arrived
yesterday. In the Colony on the
way back to his post in the Philip-
pines, Mr. Donald Lachland of the
Bank was at the airport to meet
him.

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H A K J
7 3
D None
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(Dealer: South. Both sides
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South West North East
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15 Side, 17 Partner, 18 Negrita,
20 Eras, 21 Starlie, 22 Javelin, 23
Persuade, 25 Rumba, 26 Rainsuits.

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Defer, 4 Lath, 5 Rainsuit, 6 Dagger,
9 Adapts, 11 Leger, 12 Tears, 16
Lashed, 18 Store, 19 Death, 19
Reaper, 19 Garret, 22 Avers, 23
Trump, 24 Essay, 25 Muse.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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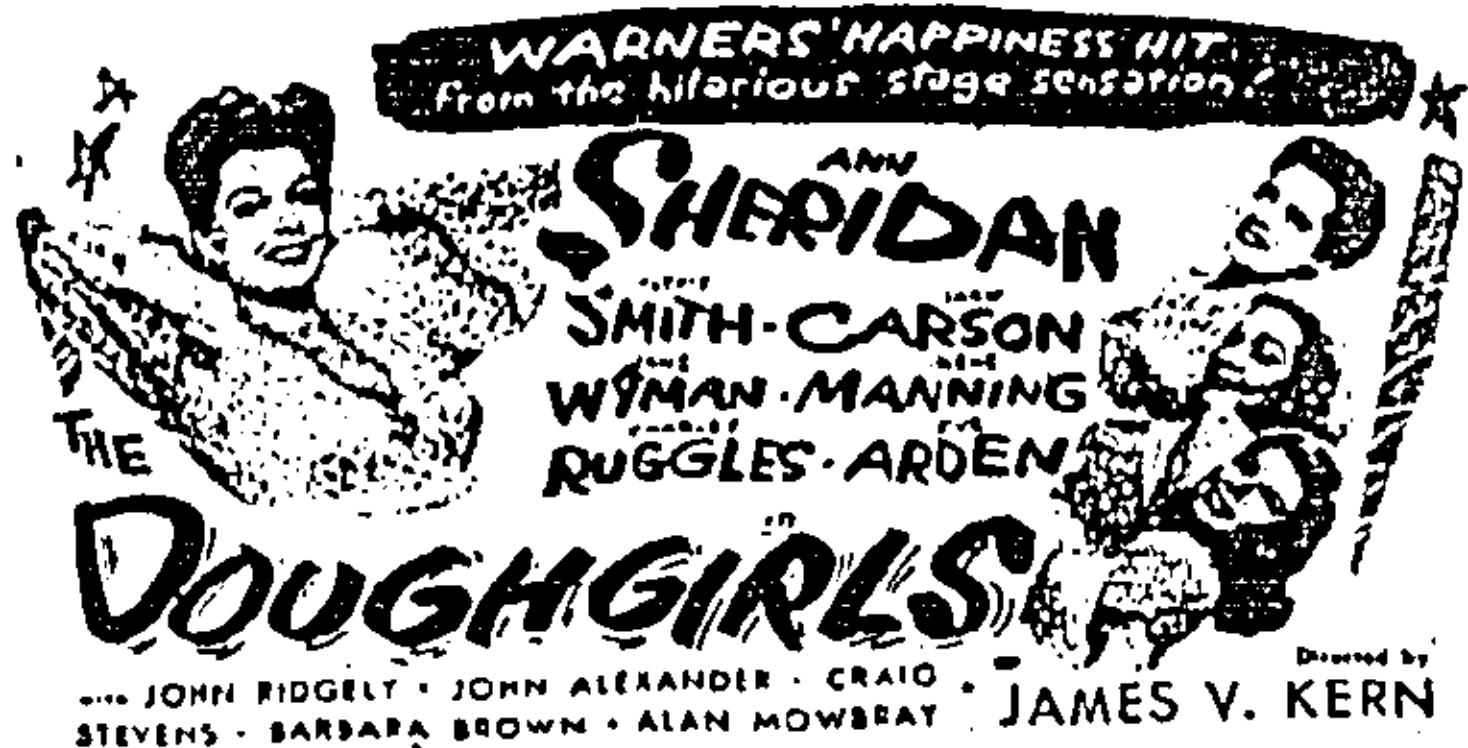
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No Orchids This Time

When the British film industry puts its fingers in a film classic, it usually turns out an excellent fare evidenced by "Hamlet." But when it goes modern and has a try at straight comedy, it flops, as "Spring in Park Lane," coming to the King's Theatre next week will show.

"Spring in Park Lane," described as a comedy, is as funny as a stale joke told by a bore, notwithstanding that such personalities of the British entertainment world as Anna Neagle, Michael Wilding, reported to be today's screen hero of Britain's bobby-soxers, and Herbert Wilcox, directing, feature in it.

On the contrary, these names make the disappointment of the film more acute.

"Spring in Park Lane" labours through almost two hours on an old theme long worn out by Hollywood.

It is a story of a blue blood of the Marquis rank who enters into the service of a commoner who can afford a mansion in Park Lane, a footman, a very charming secretary, expensive paintings and frequent pleasure trips to South Africa.

Of course the blue blood didn't really have to go to work as a footman. But he doesn't realise this until the end of the picture, after he has made a number of successful passes, of what seems to be true modern blue blood technique, at the rich commoner's charming niece-secretary.

Of course, Michael Wilding is the blue blood turned footman and he enjoys it.

And of course, Anna Neagle is the niece-secretary, otherwise she wouldn't be so charming.

These two make a rather charming couple on the screen, even if Wilding looks a trifle like Anna's baby brother than he does her eventual beau.

Michael Wilding, as an actor, has still a long way to go, if "Spring in Park Lane" is any indication of his worth.

The role calling for a dashing, debonaire type (something like Rip Kirby's Beaumont), receives something of a self-conscious Etonian sheep-in-wolf's-clothing (Continued in next Col.)

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HAYWARD AND O'KEEFE
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Spy Thriller Sees FBI Team Up With Scotland Yard

Told with graphic, heart-in-mouth realism, Columbia's "Walk a Crooked Mile," starring Louis Hayward and Dennis O'Keefe, will open next week-end at Queen's Theatre.

A suspense-laden tale of how the FBI combined with Scotland Yard to fight a spy ring that pried into America's top secrets, the film emerges as exciting and fascinating entertainment.

George Bruce's script has endowed the film with violent and brutal action and not a few murders. From the very moment when Dan O'Hara (O'Keefe) learns of the death of an FBI agent watching over the security of an atomic project, the film proceeds at a brisk pace.

O'Hara who senses a desperate attempt by unknown opponents to gain hold of atomic secrets, is confirmed in his belief when he is joined by Philip Grayson, an agent from Scotland Yard. They find they are up against an international spy ring, whose pursuit leads them into the very

performance from Wilding. He mugs like an uncooked ham. Anna on the other hand gives the most of a rather unexciting role. She is beautiful, graceful, charming, but hardly funny.

Only one scene in the whole show is worth its time in the film and that is the dreamland dance bit of Anna and Michael towards the end of the film. The beginning and the rest is "Spring in Park Lane" on a wet day.

Westerner To The Roxy

Main box office attractions in the United States these days are Western films, and "Fury At Furnace Creek," which is coming to the Roxy Theatre, attempts to show why.

The Western, as every moviegoer should know by now, satisfies the demand of the masses by dishing up plenty of action in the form of rough riding and hard shooting, and by taxing John Q. Citizen's ability to think to a minimum.

Bearing these two points in mind, "Fury At Furnace Creek" should be a good draw at the box office. It possesses action and —lo and behold!—is endowed with a fairly interesting story.

Victor Mature, perhaps, does not live up to our ideal frontiersman (give us Gary Cooper or John Wayne any day), but let it be said here that he does better than expected of a fellow popularly referred to as a hunk of a man.

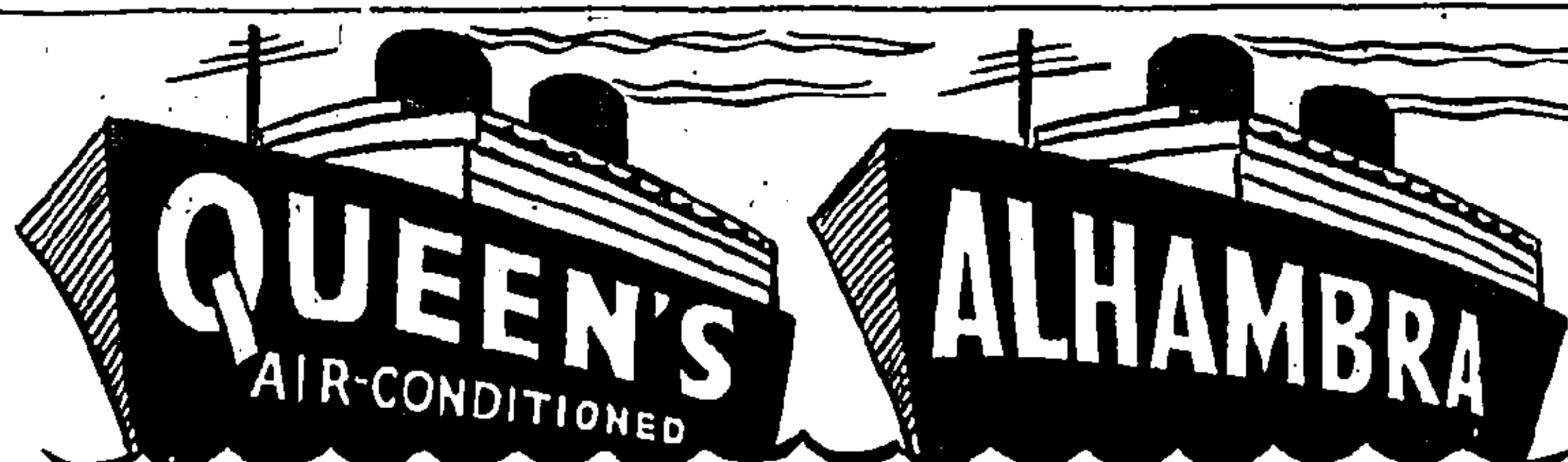
"Fury At Furnace Creek" is a saga of vengeance and heroism, born in the winning of the American West. Set in the Apache country of 1880, it unfolds the drama of two brothers who battle to clear the name of their father, who was framed by an unscrupulous silver syndicate.

In its telling, the film highlights fast and reckless action and taut drama that marked the great march Westward into the land of promise and danger.

The brothers (Glen Langlan is the other) play a lone hand, and the climax is rather well timed and comes as a welcome end to the suspense that piles up towards the end of the picture. Director Bruce Humberstone's staging of the wagon-train massacre and the wild siege and burning of Fort Furnace Creek provide plenty of action and should satisfy even the most blood-thirsty movie fan.



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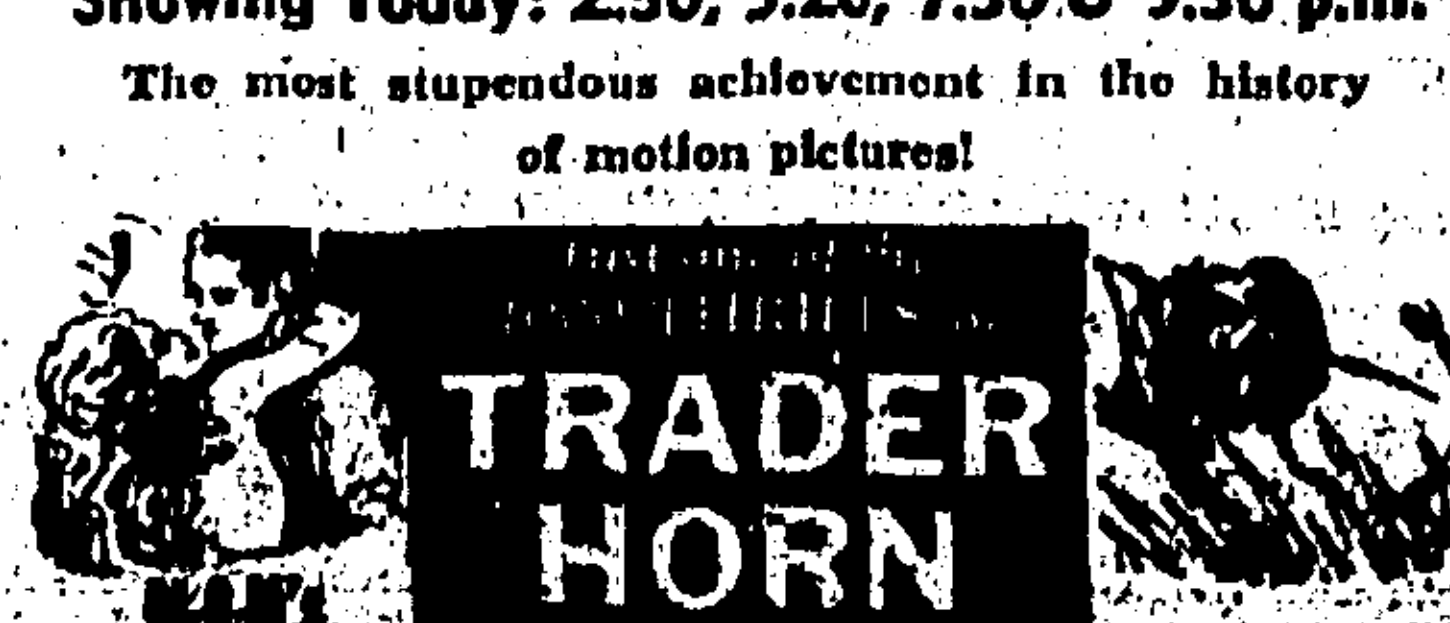


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Mindszenty remained unshakable. He was no respecter of persons. He was still at Zalaegerszeg when he came to the grave conflict with László Bárdossy, Premier of Hungary, who was, later executed as a war criminal. When Bárdossy, indignant at being spoken to as a man to man, tried to snub the provincial priest for his disrespect, he never gave way to indignation. He never lost his temper. That is why his suggestive power was so unbelievably strong. No one could help feeling that he spoke with the voice of truth and conviction.

Truly great men, in the service of their ideal, determined by their mission—and such are always the carriers of historic thoughts—are able to become absorbed completely, with the heroic fire of their characters, in their task. Thirty years as a priest, and thirty years as a statesman, Cardinal Mindszenty of all vanity of self-seeking, formed in him the seal of living for others and enabled him to become the generous conscience of a nation—and through and for this nation, the conscience of Europe and perhaps of the whole world. The Hungarians represent a small drop in the ocean of nations, but they live in the heart of Europe; the current of history has passed through them as through a sieve, and the current of life passes through them as through a sieve. The lives of individuals and nations have their laws, the laws of morality and nature; if these are violated, there is the same retribution. If the physical laws are broken, the star if it breaks from its eternally preordained course vanishes from the obscurity of space; the river, leaving its century-old bed, is absorbed by mud or the sea. The nation which denies the moral laws determined by human nature, the right to freedom, the nation that deviates from the course of centuries excludes itself from the community of free-loving people; it forfeits by its own fault the fulfilment of its historic mission. In the days of the Old Testament the prophets, in the Christian age the Church Fathers warned their nations incessantly with the burning solitude of their conscious mission to respect the eternal laws and the historic task: they were the voice of their people's conscience.

Beyond Their Limits

With such a mission and such a responsibility even the prophets of small nations, watchmen of their consciences, grew beyond the narrow limits of their nation and their country. Thus did the prophets of the Old Testament and the Church Fathers, and they were threatened by the same dangers all over the world as the idea of the totalitarian state clashes with the ideals of the democratic state. The violence of this ideological clash has never been experienced before. The world movement of Communism, supported by a great power and by aggressive force, wants all over the world the nations to forget their history; it aims at creating a new, anti-historic, international proletarian society. In this connection we can understand why Cardinal Mindszenty's voice was the tocsin trying to awaken the conscience of the peoples of the world. This is the more evident, because in many ways the people of Hungary, who had drawn up the charters of national and human freedom were also responsible for the events in Hungary.

Sense Of Duty

All his life Cardinal Mindszenty was imbued with a deep consciousness of his duties. The finest quality of his character can be perhaps explained by heredity. He combined in a wonderful harmony the loyalty to principle of his father, the hard, taciturn, uncompromising peasant, with his mother's quiet, gentle, conscientious and tenacious care for all who belonged to her in every tiny detail of life. Already as the parish priest of Zalaegerszeg he felt responsible not only for the private lives of his parishioners but for the public lives of his subordinates, for the social circumstances and religious life of every member of his flock, but also for the purity of public life in his town, Zalaegerszeg, and the whole county of Zala. Though he was only the senior parish priest of a small Transdanubian town, the so-called reactionary governments of the pre-war times respected and feared him for his outspokenness and integrity. The Lord Lieutenant of Zala found their position no secure, for the parish priest of Zalaegerszeg did more than demand of men in public life that Christian democracy; he insisted that their private lives should be blameless in Christian eyes. He had no hesitation in reproving any who, either by their public or private lives, set a bad example for his flock. In this attitude Cardinal

If it was only half their budget....

Mao is not a lover of foreigners of any kind, for that matter, but he is also a realist, and it would not be surprising if he were willing to temporise, while tacitly reserving to himself the right to expel and confiscate when he has consolidated his position.

No doubt it was the criminal madness of the Hungarian Government, circumstances and entered the war; even greater was its guilt in carrying out the inhuman acts against the Jews of Hungary, partly under German pressure. Even at the height of the war frenzy the Church raised its voice courageously against participation in the war and against these inhuman actions. This stand met with immediate full acknowledgment from Western public opinion and first of all in Great Britain. The memorandum of Cardinal Mindszenty at that time the Hungarian Cardinal-Primate,

the first constitutional dignity of the country, protested to the Hungarian Government and to the Regent Horthy himself against entering the war and, through the Vatican State Secretariat, tried to prevent the declaration of war by the Western Powers.

After the city of Kassa in Northern Hungary had been bombed by the Hungarian Government, the matter need not have prevented the Government from obtaining the consent, a step which was possible, and necessary. "It is probably," Cardinal Mindszenty wrote, "that Parliament, together with me, would have voted against a declaration of war; even if it had been quite clearly established that Kassa had been bombed by Russian planes, a note of protest, demanding compensation, could have settled this incident far more practically than by entering into a war in which hundreds of thousands of our country's youth was bound to perish, hundreds of millions of money spent; not to speak of the constant uncertainty and the tormenting, unspoken suffering caused by the war to every Hungarian citizen."

Intervention Useless

"Our declaration of war," the Cardinal continues, "was followed by a British declaration of war on us which was handed to the Budapest Government on December 6—as a gift to the Regent on his name-day. Through the Holy See I tried to prevent this declaration of war, but Cardinal Maglone, the Secretary of State, replied in a telegram that all intervention was now useless as this step had now been fully and irrevocably decided on. Yet I still hoped that it might be possible of breaking off the diplomatic relations; that the conflict could be still avoided, and especially that air attacks on our country could be prevented."

The war-time notes of Cardinal Mindszenty continue: "After the British declaration of war the Budapest Government decided to forestall the United States by declaring war on America first. Again, without obtaining the consent of Parliament, perhaps the Government thought that America was more likely to be provoked by this declaration than by the German declaration which would have no practical consequences for us; on the other hand they were doing something to please their German ally. Since then often enough we have experienced the practical consequences in the destructive air attacks."

"Before the declaration of war I had two long conversations with the American Minister to Hungary. (This was Mr. J. P. Mohr, formerly, who later, as the United States Ambassador, the Unwilling Satellite, in which he described the sore plight of Hungary, as Germany's ally.) He told me that he had studied conscientiously the history and present situation of our country. After the intervention of Germany had been done to Hungary, he considered it the purpose of his mission to try and support the just causes of Hungary. I quoted some instances (the question of Anglo-Italian sanctions, etc.) and pointed out that in the outside manifestations of our political life and in judging these manifestations, the circumstances of heavy pressure must not be forgotten, for they had had a great influence on our decision. The Minister understood my allusions and when he called on Bárdossy to be handed the declaration of war he said himself that according to his knowledge the Hungarian Government was acting under pressure, which was given him certain reassurance."

Up To The Neck

"How the declaration of war actually took place I cannot elucidate. But it is the naked truth that we are in the war up to our neck and that all its horrors have been laid upon our much-suffering nation. I told Bárdossy and the Regent that Hungary might not be difficult to enter the war, but it would be most difficult to get out of it unharmed."

Three months later the Kallay Government tried to withdraw from the conflict, but these efforts were thwarted by the intervention of German armed might. They occupied the country on March 19, 1944. When the subsequent Székely Government made a similar attempt and the Regent actually announced that Hungary was going for an armed struggle, a coup d'état which placed Ferenc Szálasi's illegal Nazi regime at the head of the country.

The totalitarian regime of the Hungarian Arrow Cross party, the Church and the Hungarian public life. There was no other way to demonstrate her ideas than to join the resistance movement with her courageous priests, societies and organisations. It was the Church that gave strong expression to the deep sympathy of the Hungarian people for the Polish nation and the Polish re-

fugees. Together with Liberal, Left Wing and royalist Hungarian politicians, several priests were deported to Dachau, and many were murdered by the Hungarian Nazis. We have already referred to the memorandum of Transdanubian bishops demanding withdrawal from the war and a petition for an armistice. This was presented to the Hungarian Nazi Government by Joseph Mindszenty, at that time Bishop of Veszprém. The Nazis arrested not only Joseph Mindszenty, with twenty-seven of his clergy, but also Louis Shvoy, Bishop of Szekesfevar. A great many Catholic priests suffered in different Hungarian internment camps and prisons. Many more were forced to go into hiding.

Cardinal Mindszenty's attitude was followed in Britain with close attention and appreciation. The Tablet published a leading article on October 9, 1943, entitled "Hungarian Dilemma." The same review dealt with the problem on April 22, 1944. A pamphlet published in London in 1943 under the title of "Christian Counter-Attack: Europe's Churches against Nazism" also contained similar comment. These articles and publications dealt with the Catholic Church in Hungary, with the Christian Women's Camp, under the leadership of Margaret Schlaucht, the Hungarian Holy Cross Society, led by the journalist Joseph Cavalier and Father Joseph Janossy, S.J. (this devoted itself to the conversion of Catholics), but they all emphasised the declarations of Cardinal Mindszenty in which he took a stand against the racial madness and the anti-Jewish laws, on the side of the freedom of the Church and the fundamental human liberties. He strongly condemned the responsibility of the successive Hungarian Governments.

German Looting

When the Russians advanced into Hungary the retreating German forces looted the country with German thoroughness and systematic enterprise. They dismantled the factories and removed their machinery; they drove off the sheep, cattle, pigs and horses by their hundreds of thousands, robbing small and big landowners impartially; they blew up bridges and churches, set fire to houses and two-sided places where they could not carry off the wheat to granaries. The Russian troops entering the systematically-looted territories finished off the work by plundering the private houses, houses which, with their libraries, archives, pictures and furniture, were the treasure-house of a centuries-old culture—the Royal Castle of Budapest, the great hotels, the bank buildings, the luxury flats, the homes of prosperity, middle-class civilization and capital—all these were destroyed almost in the heat of battle during the first days of the occupation. After the successful siege looting was the soldiers' reward. The Russian soldiers broke up the furniture in private flats, looted the clothes cupboards, plundered the food reserves still left after the siege; their great preference was for the wine cellars. It was an interesting experience to observe that the looting Russian soldiers, which with their "bourgeois" nests of the upper and middle classes did not spare the peasant's cottage or the working man's home. Triumphant misery burst upon Hungary on the heels of victory.

(To be continued tomorrow)

Gullible thought this an excellent idea indeed and it only needed a little urging from his friend Yoshiwara to convince him that there was business of the biggest kind to be done imitating popular brands of practically everything. So he formed the Undercut Company with Mr. Y. and became in a few months an honorary member of the Bats and Suzubai organisations which have now replaced the dreadful "Zalabats" the Miracle Man has wiped out.

Practically all Gullible's fine new friends had been slaves of this organisation in other days, chairmen, managing directors, and such, and they all spoke to him in hushed voices of horror about its iniquities.

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Aboard the Chinese Nationalist Destroyer (censored) off Woonung Signaling regretfully the Admiralissimo swung his telescope Southward as he remarked to the Captain on the bridge beside him. "Sir, all is not yet lost. We may retreat but I am never beaten." "Ave, ave, sir," piped up the Commander. "The world is round, and if we go back far enough we shall take the enemy in the rear and annihilate him." "Well said," quoth the Admiralissimo, "I see that you are a true son of the Kuomintang. Avast, belay. Let's go!"—Our Special Correspondent.

It has been suggested that receipts from Island Revenue be used as voting slips in the Hong Kong elections—the vote being multiplied by the number of digits in the amount of tax paid as marked thereon.

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Laurel to fight Quiroga? Attaboy, Stan....

Mao Tse-tung is now the Orient's No. 1 pearler.

In Shanghai there is now a Bund dance.

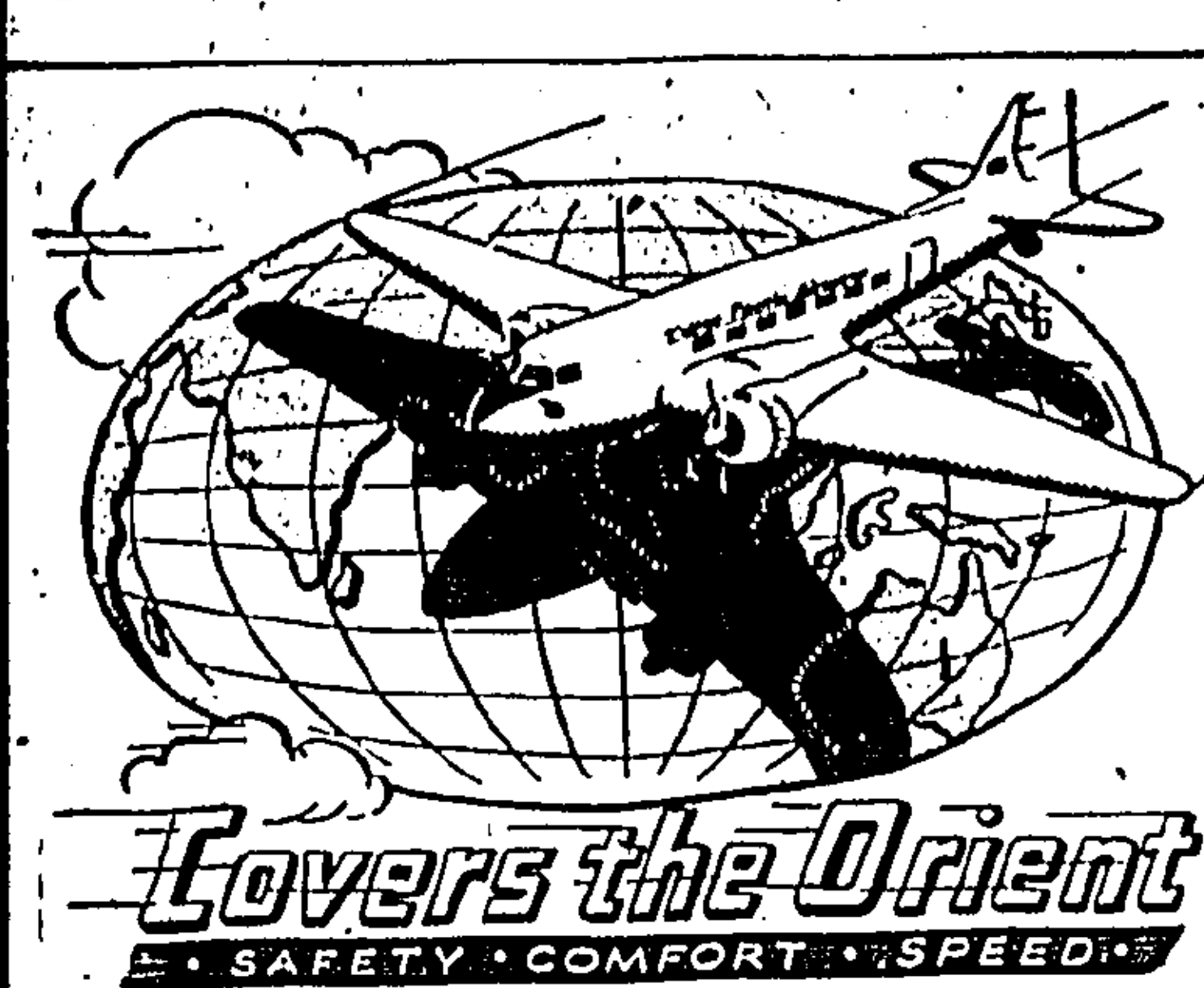
Travels of Gullible (continued) After three years in the land of Teeves and Haha poor Gullible found himself no nearer the promised trade than ever (both those boys having gone off to see friends) and only the fierce Geemo was left, who had never shown any love for Gullible or any other stranger, so, sadly, he wrote his Uncle Sam, that he was going off to see the Little People who live on the shivery islands, and sailed off to those parts.

He found the dwarfs had all stowed their snickers away out of sight and were away from their time to what they called their democratic "front." Each time their leader, a certain Mirman, spoke they knifed three times, and said "most wonderful!" and the "Miracle Man" was very pleased and said to Gullible graciously, "Would you like to stay here with us and get some more gold from your kind Uncle Sam to give employment to these sweet little types who have undergone such a remarkable transformation under my loving care?"

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BRITISH ACCUSATION

Russian Berlin Obstruction

BREACH OF AGREEMENT

Berlin, May 25.

Britain, in an official statement issued here today, accused Russia of breaking the four-power New York agreement to end the blockade by adopting a policy of obstruction.

The statement said: "Whereas the Western powers have scrupulously observed the agreement for the lifting of the restrictions imposed since March, 1948, the Soviet Government has followed a policy of obstruction even to the imposition of new restrictions, which represent a breach of the New York agreement."

The statement listed a number of alleged restrictive measures.

The statement said that the Soviet authorities insisted on Russian Zone locomotives drawing West Zone trains to and from Berlin, limited the number to 14 daily, though verbally agreeing later to 18—and refused to open other rail approaches to Berlin than that from Helmstedt.

Soon afterwards, a British spokesman said that 28 trains from the Western Zones to Berlin were held up as a result of the strike of Western sector railway men, demanding payment in Western marks from the Soviet-controlled railway authority.

Only two trains from the Western Zones have got through to West Berlin in the past 24 hours, the spokesman said.

The nine restrictions to international traffic imposed by the Soviets were:

1. The Soviet military authorities insisted on the need for their counter-signature on all goods consigned from Berlin to the West by the Autobahn.

2. The Soviet military authorities limited the time of presentation of such papers for counter-signature to 10.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

3. The Soviet military authorities had made the new rule that the description of goods on the bill of lading must be shown in Russian.

4. The Soviet military authorities had not rescinded the Economic Commission for the Soviet Zone that the Helmstedt Autobahn would be barred to German land-carrying vehicles.

5. The Soviet military authorities had refused to open other railway approaches to Berlin other than Helmstedt, which had been open to trains up till March 1, 1948, and had refused to give assurances of alternative routes in the event of the breaking-down of the Helmstedt route.

6. They had introduced, from May 12 onwards, contrary to previous practice, Soviet officers to act as intermediaries between the Western Allied railway operating officers and the German railway authorities in Berlin.

7. They insisted that Soviet Zone locomotives should draw West Zone trains to and from Berlin, justifying this only by reference to an agreement made in September 1945, but never put into effect.

8. They held, by reference to the same agreement, limited the maximum number of trains to 10 daily, although, under pressure, they had verbally agreed to 18.

9. A spokesman here said that this agreement, made in accordance with the situation at the time, referred to freight trains only. The new verbal agreement for 10 included the four daily passenger trains running at present and was entirely inadequate.

10. The Soviet military authorities are slow in returning navigation permit applications for barge traffic. Of the 250 permits sent, 130 of them a year ago, only 55 have so far been returned.

British Note
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restricted list of critical raw materials going to the West from Berlin.

Major-General K. G. McLean, the British Deputy Military Governor, wrote to the Soviet Deputy Military Governor, Major-General Mikhail Dratvin, putting forward these points of protest.

He asked General Dratvin to withdraw the requirement that international trade permits should be translated into Russian, commenting: "We do not wish to make trade more difficult than it need be."

Referring to a letter from General Dratvin, which was received yesterday, stating that the "little blockade" of German freight traffic coming into Berlin through Helmstedt, no longer exists, General McLean said: "In view of your last paragraph, I assume that your Administration has no intention of restricting in any way the use of the Autobahn for the carriage of East-bound German civil freight traffic. I shall be glad if you will kindly confirm my understanding of these questions."

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RAF Man's Mid-Air Feat

Kuala Lumpur, May 25.
A Royal Air Force navigator described today how he hung head downwards from his plane for 15 minutes at 3,000 feet with his crew hanging onto his legs while he cut free a supply parachute trapped in the aircraft door.

Flight-Lieutenant J. R. Shrine, of Winchester, Hampshire, was navigator of a quadron operating from here to drop supplies to security forces in North Malaya.

A 150-lb pack of rations fouled the rear door and was left swinging under the aircraft, making it hard to control.

Shrine was then lowered out of the plane with a sheath knife and cut the pack loose.

—Reuter.

Russians Ask For Atom Pacts

Lake Success, May 25.
Russia renewed demands today that the United Nations draft twin treaties that would outlaw atomic weapons and establish strict world control of all atomic energy.

The United Nations Atomic Energy Commission agreed to send the Soviet proposal to the working committee, which has before it an American proposal to establish international control of atomic energy in stages.

The Western powers objected to the Soviet plan at last autumn's General Assembly meeting in Paris because, they said, it would mean destroying the American stockpile of atomic bombs before there could be any assurance that world atomic control was working and foolproof.

The American proposal, a modification of the plan proposed in 1946 by Mr. Bernard Baruch, was attacked today by the Soviet delegate, Mr. Jacob Malik, who said its success "would depend on the Senate of the United States and its bloodthirsty canons."

RUSSIANS BUZZ BRITISH FIELD

Berlin, May 25.
The British Deputy Military Governor, Major-General K. G. McLean, lodged a formal protest at Soviet Headquarters last night after Russian planes had swept low across Gatow Airport.

An official British announcement said that about eight Russian aircraft flew in two formations across Gatow Airport at a height of about 1,000 feet. No previous warning had been given of the flight.

The aircraft appeared to be taking part in mock air-ground exercises, accompanied by pyrotechnics at a point about four miles North of Gatow in the Soviet Zone, the British statement said.

A three-power protest about Russian firing exercises in the Humberburg air corridor was lodged with the Russian representative at the Berlin Air Safety Centre.

Referendum In French India

Paris, May 26.
The French Union Assembly today approved the French Government's bill for the preparation of a referendum to decide whether or not five towns in French India shall remain French or become Indian.

The Union Assembly recommended that the Chandernagor referendum be postponed from June 19 to December 11 when the populations of Pondicherry, Karikal, Yanam and Mahe will vote.

The bill is to be further examined today by the National Assembly's Overseas Territories Commission.

U.S. ENVOY TO AUSTRALIA

Washington, May 25.
President Truman today named Mr. Peter Jarman, former Member of the House of Representatives for Alabama, as the United States Ambassador to Australia.

The nomination has to be approved by the Senate, but no opposition is expected.—Reuter.

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DISAPPEARANCE OF BRITISH EMBASSY STAFF

London, May 25.

The Foreign Office spokesman revealed today that six persons employed by the British Embassy in Moscow had disappeared and a third had attempted suicide because of "persecution" by the Soviet police.

At the same time, the spokesman accused Russia of refusing to grant re-entry visas to British employees of the Embassy, and announced that Britain will retaliate with the same attitude toward employees of the Soviet Embassy here.

The spokesman said the British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Maurice Peterson, had protested to the Soviet Foreign Office over the "persecution" of locally hired Embassy personnel but had received no satisfaction.

The Foreign Office stated that it had protested to Russia about the disappearance of three women—two of them Soviet brides of Britons—from the British Embassy in Moscow and threats to four other employees.

A note handed to the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vishinsky, on April 28 by Sir Maurice said: "The British Government have gone to the furthest limits of forbearance and cannot allow the obstruction of the work of the Embassy to continue."

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that in future Britain will handle visa applications for Russians wanted for work at the Soviet Embassy in London on a "strict basis of reciprocity" depending on the treatment given British citizens wanted for work at the British Embassy in Moscow.

The Foreign Office announcement followed the overnight Soviet news agency report that Moscow had rejected the British aide memoir of April 28.

The British protest specifically referred to the disappearance of three staff telephonists—two of them Russian brides of Britons—and threats to three more women and a man who worked at the Embassy.

In reply to a question, the Foreign Office spokesman said that the Moscow Embassy employs 171 people of whom 91 are employed locally. Of the rest 72 are Foreign Office staff and eight are paid by other Ministries.

"Intolerable"

The Soviet Foreign Ministry today vigorously rejected the memorandum from the British Ambassador, who alleged that the Soviet authorities sought undue influence over Russian employees of the British Embassy and refused to grant visas to employees of the Embassy in Moscow.

The Russian Foreign Minister, Mr. Gusev, accused the British Embassy of making "intolerable attempts to interfere in relations between the Soviet authorities and Soviet citizens."

Mr. Gusev said the Russian Government has an inviolable right to reject persons non grata.



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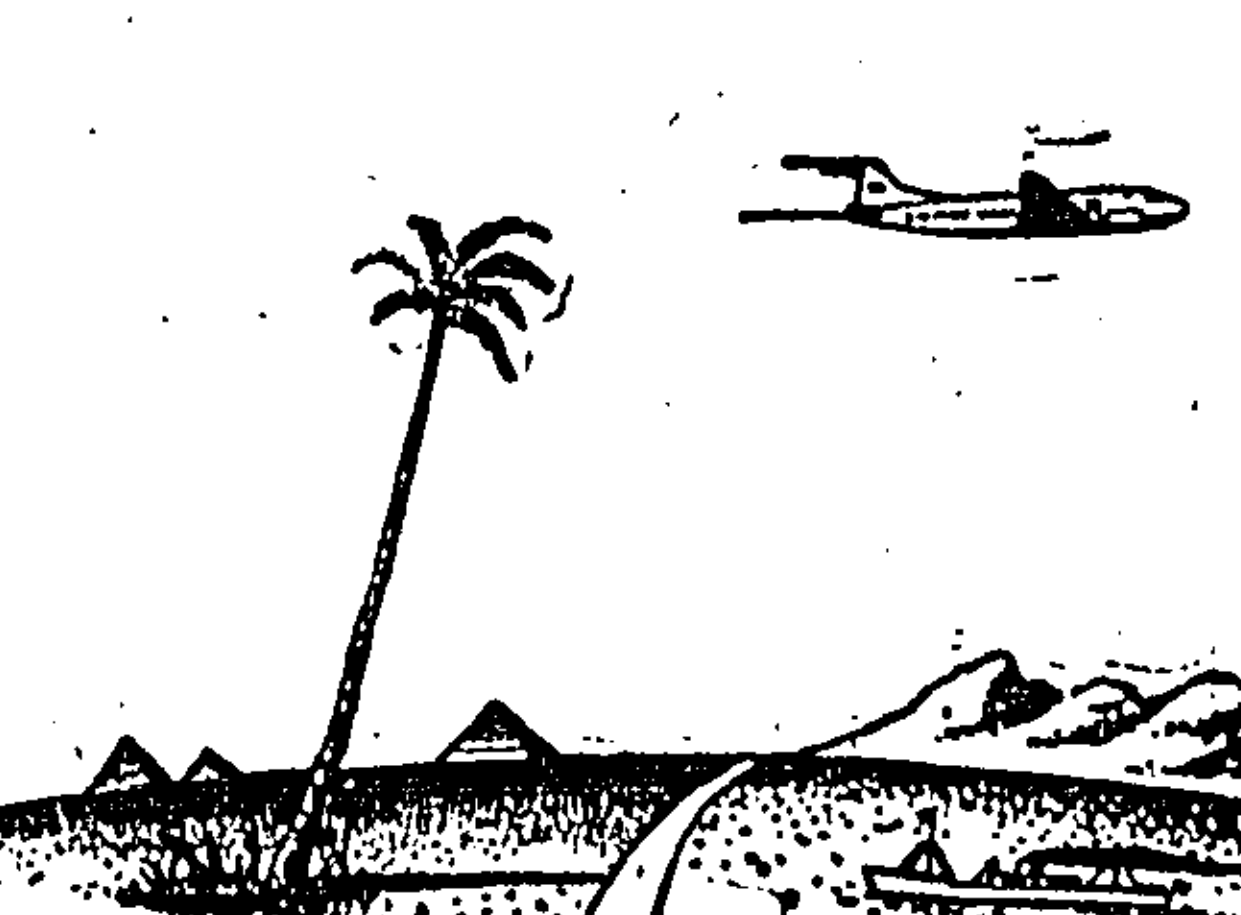
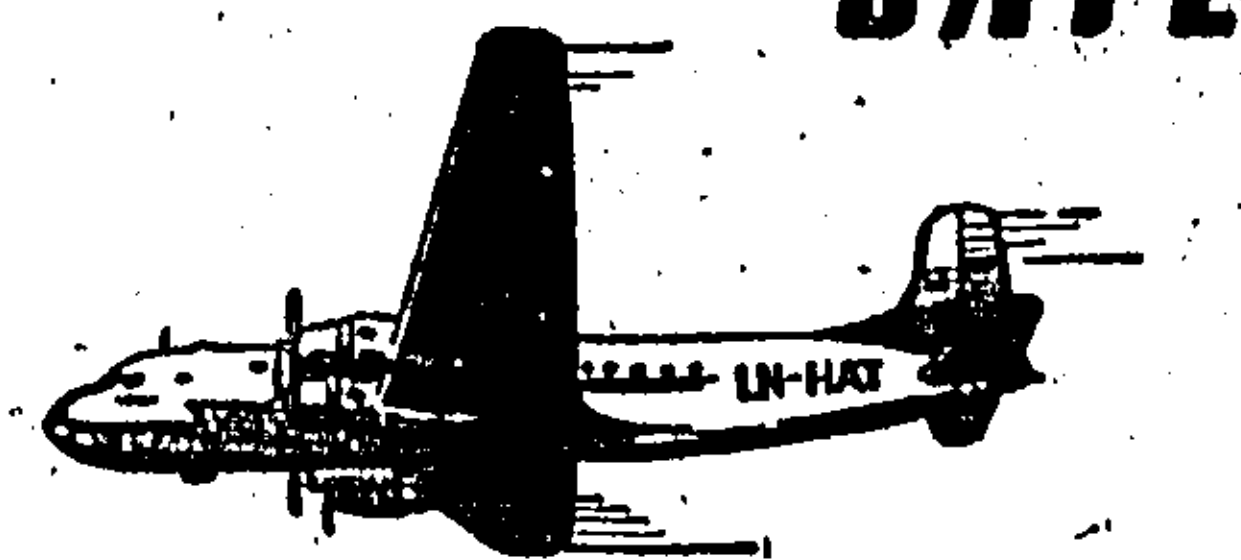
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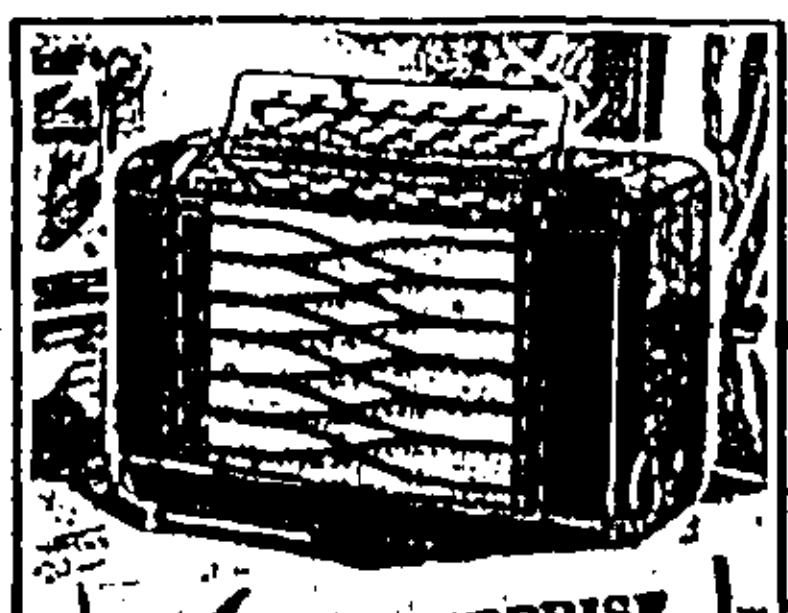
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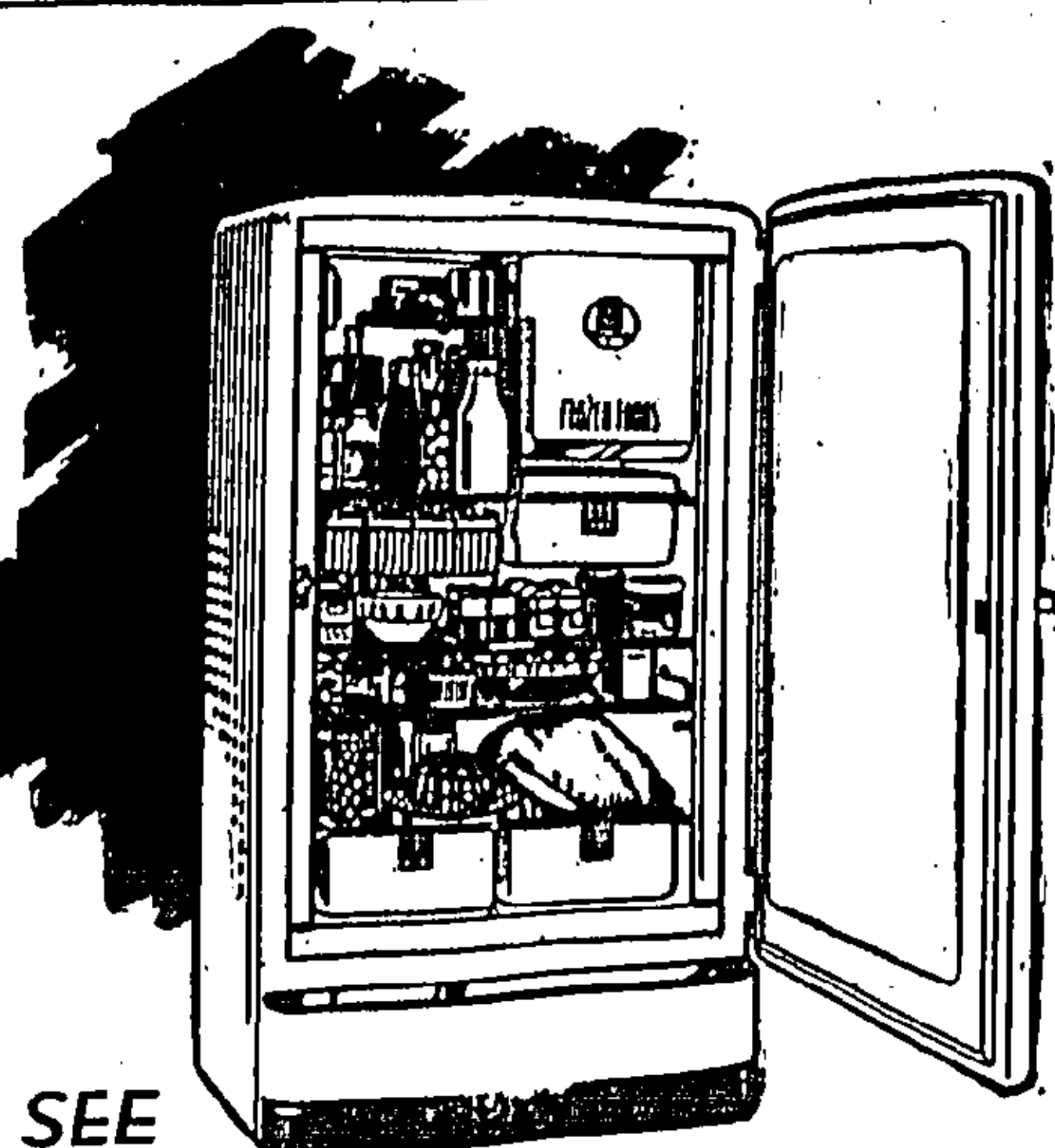
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BRITAIN REVIEWS PLANS FOR AFRICA COLONIES

London, May 25.
All plans for the future of Italy's former colonies in Africa are again being reviewed by Britain since the United Nations General Assembly's rejection of the Bevin-Sforza plan, earlier this month.
By this plan, which was worked out between Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, at the beginning of May, Libya would have received independence in 10 year's time.

In the meanwhile, Britain would have exercised trusteeship over Cyrenaica, France over the Fezzan, and Italy, in 1951, over Tripolitania. This last proposal resulted in several days of rioting in Tripoli.

The two Foreign Ministers agreed to support the Italian claim for the trusteeship over the former Italian Somaliland, the cession of Western Eritrea to Ethiopia, with a special regime for the ports of Asmara and Massawa, and the inclusion of Eastern Eritrea in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said in the House of Commons yesterday, in reply to a question: "We are certainly considering anew, in the new situation, what we should attempt in Tripolitania."

The statement is interpreted in usually well-informed quarters here to mean that Britain is in touch with Italy and other interested Governments to establish whether or not it will be useful to regard the Bevin-Sforza agreement as still binding.

According to an usually well-informed source, the inclination of the Foreign Office is to attempt a completely fresh approach to the whole question instead of trying to salvage some of the Bevin-Sforza plan. Without the crucial and controversial

section giving Italy trusteeship of Tripolitania in 1951, which first failed to pass the Assembly, the agreement would be unrecognisable.

The aim of the new review of the colonies problem at the Foreign Office is understood to be to find before the next session of the Assembly in September a solution which will command a two-thirds majority.

Italian Decision
In the meanwhile, the burden of administering all territories still falls on the British military authorities.

The Italian Cabinet today renewed its support for the Bevin-Sforza plan for the former Italian colonies, despite its rejection by the United Nations, authoritative sources in Rome disclosed.

The Cabinet made known its unanimous view after hearing a full report of the United Nations debate from Count Sforza.

The Cabinet agreed that the plan is the best possible in view of the opposition of Russia and the Arab States, and that its spirit should be preserved in future attempt to settle the question.

Count Sforza is now ready to start, with the full approval of the Cabinet, exchanges with Britain in preparation for the next session of the United Nations in September.—Reuter.

PI Support For Java Republic

Manila, May 26.
The Under-Secretary of Foreign affairs, Mr. Felino Neri, said today that the Philippines fully sympathises with the aims of the Indonesian Republic.

Mr. Neri made the statement, reflecting Philippine Government policy, at a luncheon in honour of the visiting Indonesian Foreign Minister, Mr. Alexander Sastrowardjo, who is negotiating a Philippine loan in terms of surplus goods.

Mr. Neri said both nations share the vicissitudes of nation-building.

Some sources believe Mr. Neri's remarks indicate that the Philippines is taking a firmer stand in support of the Indonesian Republic.

Mr. Maramba replied saying that his mission to the Philippines has been fruitful and will serve as an object lesson to those forces which seek to disrupt South East Asia unity.

He later told members of the South East Asia Association that there is a vital need for close

co-operation among South East Asian countries to achieve peace. The Association met at the home of Jose Laurel, Nacionalista Party presidential candidate.—United Press.

NO CHINESE REDS IN PI

Manila, May 25.
Mr. S. T. Mui, Chinese Consul for Mindanao and Sulu, is reported to have said in a press interview that there are no indications of the Chinese Communists having infiltrated into the Southern Philippines.

He said that he had conducted a survey of Mindanao and Sulu and is convinced that the Communists have not yet established a foothold in those areas.—Reuter.

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British Statement On Japan

London, May 25.
The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told the House of Commons today that the question of cancelling Japanese reparations will be discussed by the Far Eastern Commission.

Answering questions, Mr. Mayhew said there had been no Anglo-American consultations prior to the United States' decision of May 12 to stop distributing Japanese reparations.

He said he could not agree with the contention that Britain should make a protest similar to that of the Philippines against the United States' decision. He added: "Our attitude will be made clear in due course."—United Press.

Manstein Accused Of Atrocities

London, May 25.
The War Office today announced 17 charges against former Field-Marshal Fritz Erich von Manstein, aged 62, German Commander in the Russian campaign.

Three charges deal with atrocities against Polish civilians and prisoners by units of the Army of which he was Chief of Staff under Field-Marshal Von Rundstedt.

He is further charged with participating in the killing and maltreatment of Soviet prisoners and the deaths from neglect, starvation and disease, and employing them on work connected with military operations; forcibly recruiting Russian prisoners into units of the German army to fight their fellow countrymen.

Other charges:
Taking part in the crime of genocide in Russia, that is, the mass extermination of Jews, gypsies and others by shooting, gassing, and drowning, this being part of the planned biological extermination of the Jewish race ordered by the Hitler Government under the title of "the final solution of the Jewish problem."

Complicity in the forcible evacuation of the civilian population before his retreating army, after complete destruction of their homes.
Forcible deportation of Russian civilians into Germany for slave labour.

Von Manstein was found to be fit for trial after a recent medical examination of Jews. His former chief, Field-Marshal von Rundstedt (73) and Colonel-General Strauss (69) have both been excused trial because of their health.

Four German generals were originally held for trial, but the former Field-Marshal von Brauchitsch (69) died in October last.—Reuter.

Bombay Riots

Bombay, May 25.
Seven people were injured here today when the police used tear-gas to disperse a procession made in defiance of an order banning demonstrations.

The police arrested Dr. Ram-mabhai Lohia, Indian Socialist leader, one of those hurt, and 48 other Socialists in the procession. Led by Dr. Lohia, they were marching to the Nepal Embassy here to make representations to the Ambassador for the release of Nepalese National Congress leaders now in prison.—Reuter.

"BIG FOUR" TALKS:

MUCH ARGUING BUT NO PROGRESS MADE

Paris, May 25.
The "Big Four" Foreign Ministers argued about German unity for three and a half hours today without making any progress towards agreement.

In their longest session since the conference opened on Monday, the Western Ministers and Russia's Andrei Vishinsky confined themselves to declaring their general principles for German unity and attacking each other's views.

The starting point of today's talks was the Western Powers' rejection of M. Vishinsky's call yesterday for a return to four-Power control in Germany and Soviet participation in the supervision of the great Ruhr industrial area.

Today's meeting was the longest so far since the talks opened on Monday. It was the third conference of the session and M. Vishinsky was in the Chair.

All the four Foreign Ministers spoke at today's session but no decisions were taken, the delegates said on leaving the Rose Palace where the meeting was held.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Republican Party foreign affairs expert, said after the meeting that no new proposal had been made today.

"There was, however, a full and detailed discussion too complicated to be summed up in a few words," he said.

It is learned that both sides limited themselves to a statement of their general principles for German unity and to criticising each other's standpoints.

Mr. Vishinsky, speaking first as the Chairman, made a lengthy legalistic reply to the Western Powers' rejection of his proposals yesterday.

Some Confusion
The three Western Foreign Ministers compared the achievements of the last 18 months towards German unity and independence with the situation which would be created if Mr. Vishinsky's proposals are adopted.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, argued that there is perhaps some confusion between Allied unity and German unity.

German unity, he said, is something that could be achieved only by the Germans themselves. It is important to bear this distinction in mind, he added.

Mr. Vishinsky renewed the proposal he made yesterday for a return to four-Power control in Germany.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said that there are two conditions for the economic unity: (1) suspension of reparations payments in the Eastern zone; (2) agreement on the Soviet assets in the Eastern zone.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, said that four-Power control can work only if the unanimity rule is limited to exceptional cases.

Broad Power
The Germans must be allowed broad power within the framework of democratic and homogeneous institutions in the Western and Eastern zone.

Mr. Bevin said that the Germans should be left free to choose their political and economic institutions.

He said: "We have now progressed so far that we are able to say to the Germans that they can build their own political institutions and their own political and economic unity subject only to the reservation of security and their obligations to the Allies."

DEATH SENTENCE SET ASIDE

Wiesbaden, May 26.
An American Military Government Appeal Court today set aside a sentence of death imposed on a German youth, August Flamme, for killing an American soldier in May, 1948.

The Court held that the charges against Flamme, originally sentenced by a military Government Court at Kassel, will have to be withdrawn and a new trial begun.

It is thought that Flamme should have been tried on charges of manslaughter, which carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, instead of premeditated murder.—Reuter.

STATEMENT ON HK DENIED

London, May 25.
The Colonial Office denied here tonight a report (not Reuter), attributing to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General in South East Asia, a statement that "an influx of Chinese (into Hong Kong) during the past months undoubtedly resulted in the massing of a large Communist element within the colony, which could menace its security."

Mr. MacDonald denies that he made any such statement, the Colonial Office added.—Reuter.

FIRST DEFENCE

New York, May 25.
The North Atlantic Pact is just as vital to the security of the United States as it is to the smallest "signatory" Government, Mr. Louis Johnson, the Defence Secretary, said tonight.

"It is for us a first line of our own defence," he told the National Board of Insurance Underwriters.—Reuter.

STEEL BILL IN LORDS

London, May 25.
The House of Lords tonight gave an unopposed second reading to the Government's Bill to nationalise the major part of Britain's iron and steel industry.

But the Conservative Opposition, which is in the majority in this Chamber, reiterated its opposition and its leader, Lord Salisbury, said that they will insist on an amendment that the Bill should not come into effect until October 1, 1950, after the general election.

Fraser Wighton, Reuter's political correspondent, learned tonight that the Government will go ahead with its original plans to make the Bill law by next May, despite the House of Lords' opposition.

It has the means to do this under a special Parliament Bill, which will be law by the end of the year. This will cut the Peers' power of delaying legislation from two years to one.

The field is now clear for a major battle on the Bill when it is discussed in detail next month.

The Opposition will then carry out its intention of trying to postpone the operation of the Bill, thus making the matter a general election issue.—Reuter.

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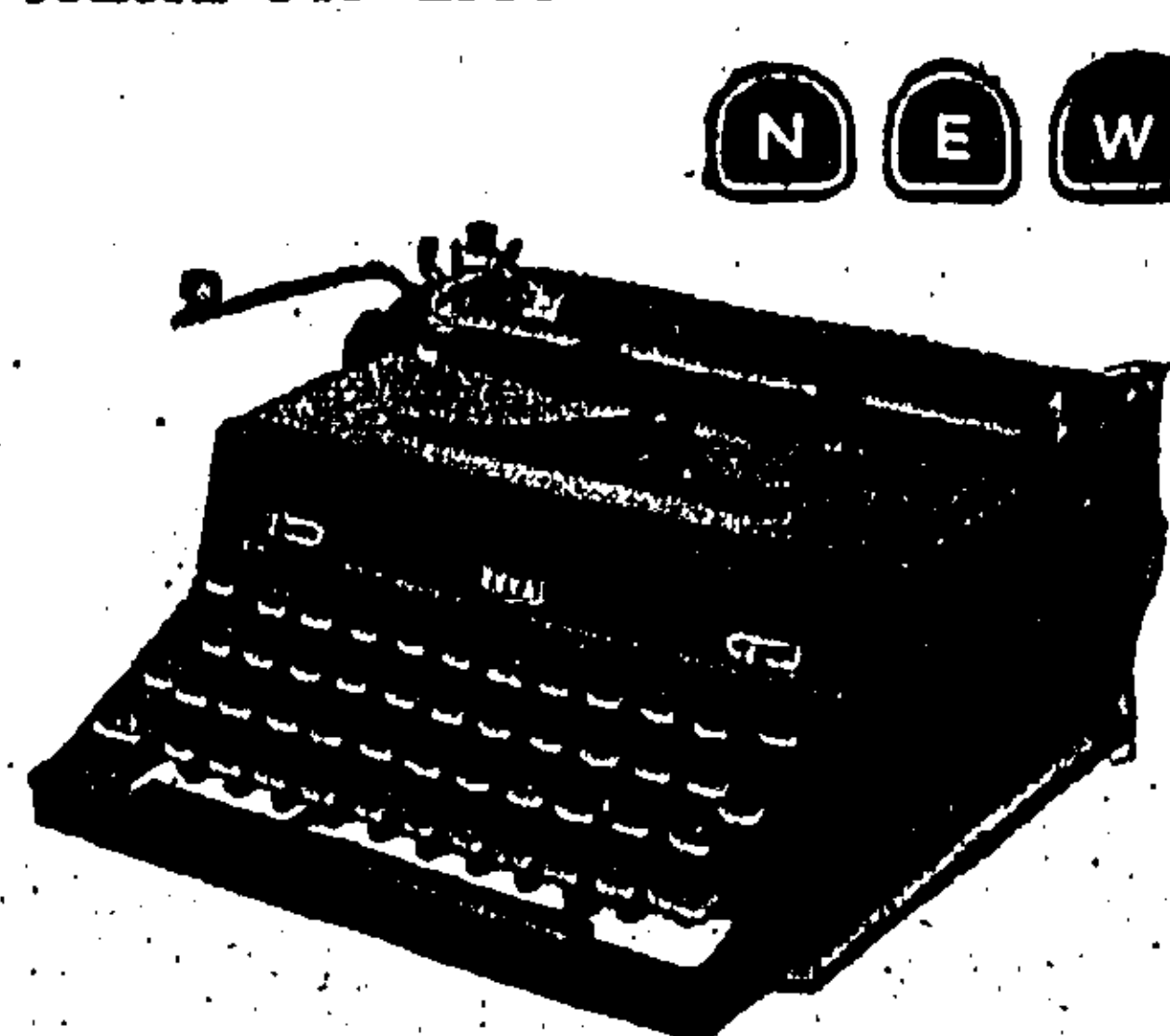
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FAILURE OF TERROR CAMPAIGN IN MALAYA

London, May 25.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General in South East Asia, told reporters today that the Communist terrorist strength in Malaya has so declined that it is now less than half its peak figure of last November.

Mr. MacDonald said that the improvement in Malaya is due to two main factors: (1) Firm Government action and successful action by police, troops and Air Force against armed terrorist bands; (2) The fact that the Communists have received no support from the people of Malaya as a whole.

He described the latter as an overwhelming and decisive reason for the Communist failure.

"The people of Malaya have overwhelmingly supported the Government from the beginning," Mr. MacDonald declared.

Hardly any Malaysians support the Communist Party or the Communist terrorist movement, he added.

Mr. MacDonald said that since the violent campaign began last June security forces have killed or captured 1,001 terrorists up to the end of April. Of these 956 were Chinese, 24 Malays, eight Indonesians, seven Indians and two Siamese.

Over 95 per cent were Chinese not born in Malaya but had come in at any time during the past 25 years.

"The Communist terrorist attack has been much more against the Chinese than against the British or anybody else," said Mr. MacDonald.

Out of 397 civilians killed 289 were Chinese. They included a village school-master, shopkeepers, local labour and trade union leaders who were anti-Communist and were in the way of the terrorist campaign.

"We must expect that for months to come there will be individual murders and other incidents," he added.

Mr. MacDonald said "The Communist Party in London and their friends say that there has been a terrible expression of trade unionism and that sort of thing. It is absolutely untrue."

He said that in Malaya leaders of the trade unions sit in the Legislature and make whatever speeches they wish to make. They have constantly given stout and courageous support to the Government.

Mr. MacDonald, who is in Britain on one of his six-monthly visits for consultation with the Government, said that about two months ago there was a recrudescence of concern and even alarm in the United Kingdom because some people felt that the situation in Malaya was getting worse instead of better. That is not the position. There has been an absolutely steady, slow but gradual improvement right from December to May. The main forces of the terrorists are now retreating deeper and deeper in the hope of avoiding battle. Their main forces are leaving behind them smaller forces to continue

acts of terrorism, murder and sabotage so as to try to keep something going.

Mr. MacDonald added that these smaller bands are able to do a great deal of damage to life and limb and property but it is on a steadily reduced scale.

Many Volunteers

He regarded it as significant that it was in December, just after the peak period of terrorist strength, that the training of the police and army reinforcements from overseas was completed.

"At the beginning of December our troops were ready for offensive action in the jungles and in the territory neighbouring the jungles and the success which has come to us since then is a military success scored by fully trained police and fully trained troops led by the Air Force," he said.

He added that there are Malayan volunteers in thousands for the Army and the police force and in tens of thousands for the special constabulary and the village guards. At all times they had far more Malayan volunteers than are wanted for these security forces.

"The people of Malaya rejected Communism before this trouble started, and everything they have seen since has made them firm in their resistance," he said.

The Communist movement is largely an alien movement come into Malaya from the outside, Mr. MacDonald continued.

The great majority of Communists not only do not belong to Malaya, but do not regard it as their permanent home and have no loyalty to it. Their loyalty is to a foreign country.

No Censorship

All the emergency legislation in Malaya had been passed—and passed unanimously—by the Legislators with the exception of the Unofficials' majority.

From the beginning there had been no press censorship, only a voluntary censorship. The press has been free to go with police or troops on any operation.

They write their stories voluntarily leaving out military information which might be useful to the enemy at a later stage.

But if a newspaperman wants to write that kind of thing, he does. It is a purely voluntary arrangement. They had never indulged in anything like an official, compulsory censorship.

Trade unions have also been completely free to continue their activities.

Anticipating a continuance of terrorist resistance for some months further at least, Mr. MacDonald said that if they are left alone in Malaya, with the support of the people of the country the

situation would be gradually and steadily cleaned up. That does not mean that the Communists will give up the fight.

Effects Small

When the military struggle is over they would try to bury their arms in the jungle, creep back and make an effort to reassert their influence in other ways, in the trade union movement, in progressive political parties and groups according to the peace-time Communist technique.

If events in South East Asia outside Malaya enable the terrorists to get outside help, then, the struggle will become more protracted but he does not anticipate this.

Questioned on the damage to production, property, and foreign trade through the terrorists' campaign Mr. MacDonald, after specifying its extent, said that the effects have been very small indeed.

Rubber production has been higher on the whole throughout the emergency than at any time since the war. Tin production has gone from strength to strength. The planting of paddy and other economic activities has been maintained fully—an indication that the people are not supporting the terrorists' movement.

—Reuter.

French Premier May Offer Resignation

Paris, May 26.

A friend of the Premier, Henri Queuille, said in a statement to the Associated Press yesterday that the head of the French Government is thinking of resigning.

The friend said that the Premier telephoned President Vincent Auriol and told him he is considering resigning because of the attitude taken in some quarters towards his Government.

M. Queuille's Cabinet has been under fire for several weeks because of a £62,500,000 deficit in the budget.

Mr. Queuille held a conference yesterday morning with the Financial Minister, Maurice Petache.

Several days ago M. Petache made a statement in the National Assembly blaming State-owned railways for the present condition of the budget. He said there is a lack of central control on expenditure by the railways.

M. Queuille has been Premier since October 11, 1948—seven months and 14 days. He has been Premier under the Fourth Republic longer than anyone except Paul Ramadier, who lasted eight months and 10 days.

Strong efforts are being made by the Popular Republican Party of the Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, to keep the

Government intact until after the big four meetings in Paris.

Much Pressure

"What sort of business is this to be attacking the Government? M. Schuman represents while he in turn is representing France at the most momentous international meeting since the war?" was being asked in the corridors of the National Assembly on Tuesday night.

At the same time close friends of the Premier are pleading with him to keep his resignation in his pocket and seek a compromise.

Political pressure is being put on M. Queuille from two sides. The moderates want him to reduce Government expenses by cutting costs in nationalised industry.

The Socialists say they will leave his Cabinet if he does.—Associated Press.

Singapore Dispute Sequel

New York, May 25.

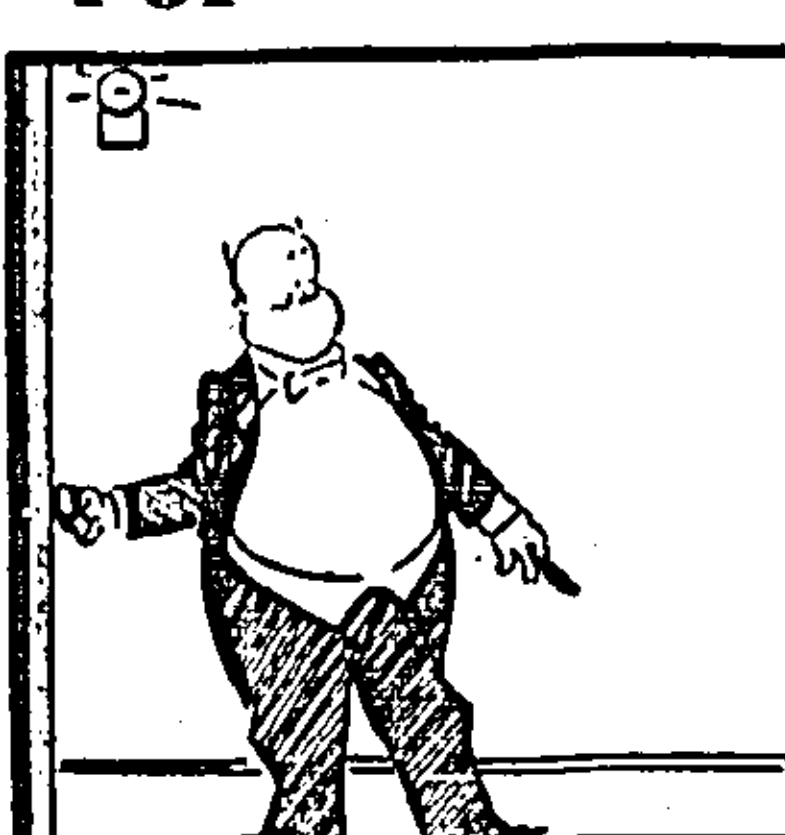
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In a civilian Court Guard hearing here they received technical suspension of their papers and three were totally suspended for two months but were permitted to sail under temporary certificates, pending an appeal.

The others were given four-month suspension terms, non-effective unless new charges were proved against them within a year.

The seamen were charged with refusing to sail because of the presence on board the vessel of Second Engineer John A. Brown. Testimony at the hearing included stories of shipboard rivalry, fistfights and alleged misbehavior. The men were acquitted of further charges that they also refused, without reasonable cause, to sail from Manila on January 7.—Reuter.

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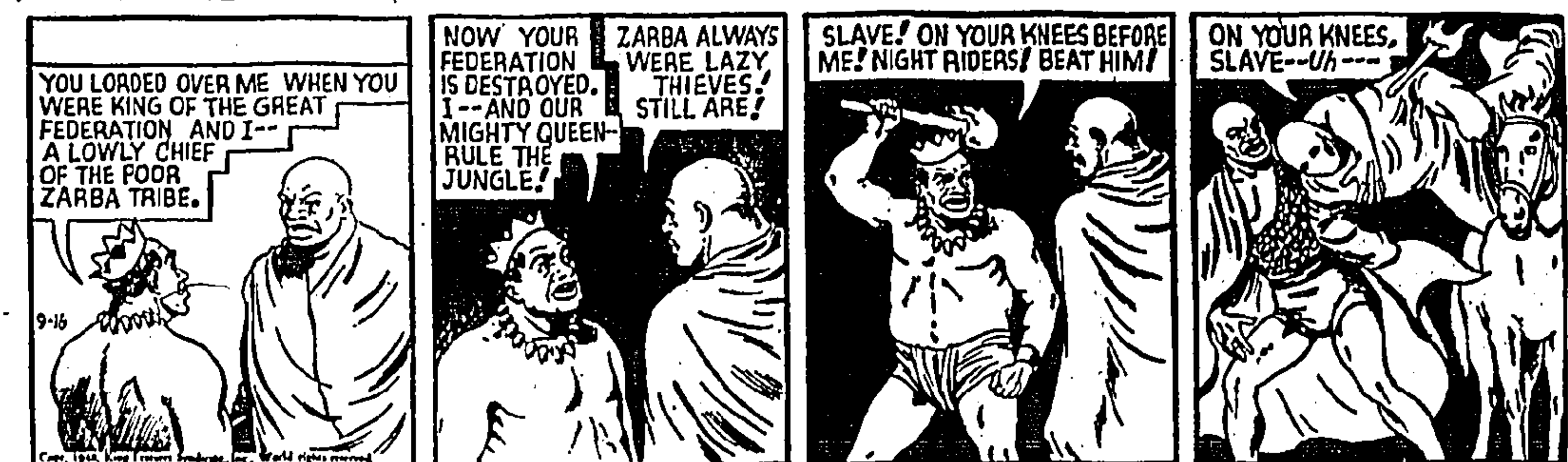
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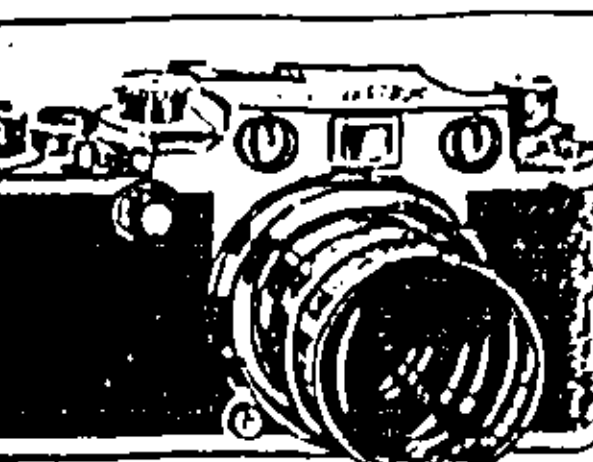
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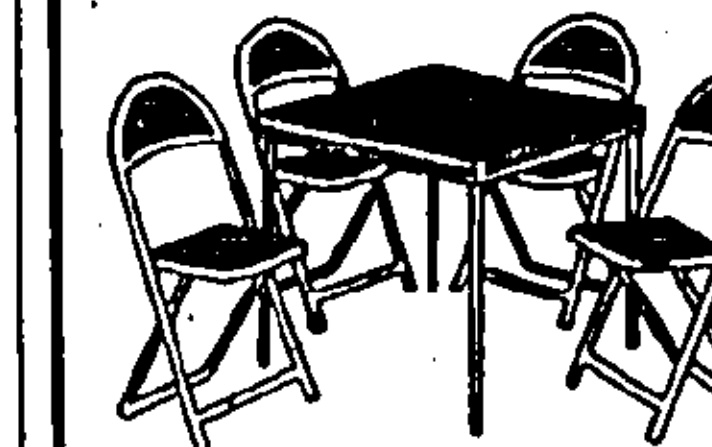
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CZECHS SALUTE STALIN

Prague, May 25.

Czechoslovak Communists opened their ninth Congress today with a "salute to Stalin" who was unanimously elected head of the Party's Honorary Presidium.

Two thousand delegates and visitors from 20 countries, headed by the Minister of the Interior, Václav Nosek, acclaimed Stalin as "the greatest figure of our time, a figure that will outlast the centuries."

The Czechoslovak President, Klement Gottwald, was elected Chairman of the Working Presidium.

For the first time, the delegates included representatives from non-Communist Czech and Slovak parties, who came to pledge their allegiance to the Communist-dominated National Front.

Only edited speeches are being released by the official Czech news agency Ceteka.

Western correspondents were not admitted. The real business of the Congress, according to usually reliable sources, is to tighten up the Communist system of control which is not being tested from many sides.

Its problems are believed to include:

(1) Czechoslovakia's general economic position.

(2) Discontent among peasants being pushed towards collectivization.

(3) Grumbling among workers required to meet higher production quotas for less real immediate reward.

(4) Widespread criticism and incipient "deviations" among the ranks of the Party's over-large membership, which is understood to be still over 2,000,000 despite purges.—Reuter.

Disaster In Brazil

Maceio, May 26.

Over 200 are dead and hundreds more reported missing as flood waters, caused by torrential rains, inundated entire sections of North and Eastern Brazil.

One unconfirmed estimate places the death toll at 600 in the state of Alagoas alone.

Some 150 bodies have been recovered in Maceio, the state of Caput and 80 more are reported to be buried and buildings which collapsed before the on-rushing waters.

Over 30 inches of rain have fallen in the last 48 hours and there is no sign of it stopping. The region is normally drought-ridden.—United Press.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong, broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father H. W. Gallagher, S. J. (Studio)

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.00 p.m.—Comedy Harmonies.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.30 p.m.—Interlude.

1.45 p.m.—Music for You.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.15 p.m.—Programme Summary.

2.30 p.m.—"Rhythm Rendezvous" (Studio).

2.45 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K. Lee. (Studio)

3.00 p.m.—Vocal Combinations.

3.15 p.m.—"Music Lovers Hour" Classical Request Programme presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio)

3.30 p.m.—World News and News Announcements (London Relay)

3.45 p.m.—"Looking at Britain" Book. (Studio)

4.00 p.m.—"The show must go on" A Musical Thriller by General Verner. (Studio)

4.15 p.m.—"A Voice from the Dead." (Studio)

4.30 p.m.—A Short Programme of the Music of Vaughan-Williams.

4.45 p.m.—"Strings with Wings." Melodrama and the Orchestra with Linda Grey. (Studio)

5.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London)

Dramatic Developments In S'hai Street, Fighting

(Continued from Page 1)

At 10.00 a.m. today, a window in the office of the American Assistant Naval Attaché, Morgan Slayton, in the Glen Line Building, which houses the U.S. Consulate and is behind the British Consulate.

Mainly as the result of this danger, the majority of offices and banks remained closed today. About four blocks of buildings immediately below the Southern end of the bridges, right up to Nanking Road, the city's main street, are at present virtually a No Man's Land, with death lurking at every corner.

Both the British and American Consulates are right in the line of fire and it is believed that there are at least 200 British nationals in the Northern area.

In other parts of liberated Shanghai, however, normal conditions prevailed with shops reopened, trams and buses running, and victory celebrations continuing.

Papers Appear

In addition, four English language newspapers and four vernaculars appeared this morning, including a newcomer, the "Shanghai Jen Min" ("People of Shanghai") devoted solely to People's Liberation Army releases and official Communist news reports.

The Public Works Commissioner, Mr. T. K. Chao, today assumed the post of acting mayor of Shanghai, following the flight of Mr. Chen Liang on Tuesday night, but it is learned that pending the completion of liberation, the city administrative affairs will be looked after by the Shanghai Security Committee, formed by civil leaders.

River traffic between Shanghai and Pootung has been resumed while train services along the Nanking-Shanghai railway are expected to restart shortly, following the completion of repairs to the damaged tracks and bridges.

These developments should considerably ease the Shanghai food supply situation. Meanwhile, the Shanghai populace is greatly impressed on first contact with the discipline of the People's Liberation Army troops and were further agreeably surprised to see these soldiers insisting on paying for gifts of food offered to them by the public, and sleeping on pavements rather than demand accommodation.

In an editorial today, the British-owned "North China Daily News" urged the foreign communities to reciprocate the courtesy and politeness shown by the Communist soldiers everywhere and render all possible assistance in running the highly complex machinery of the huge metropolis.

Red Claims

"That, so far as foreigners are concerned, is the purest form of neutrality in China's civil war, Shanghai has to be put on its feet again—for China."

Late this afternoon, the British-owned Shanghai Gas Company, concerned over the exposed position of its sub-tank in the vicinity of active hostilities at Tibet and Peking Roads, about a stone's throw from the Race Course, gave orders to allow the gas to escape, in case a shell hit cause a disastrous explosion.

News from other war fronts:—The Communists claim to have captured Ningpo, 134 miles South of Shanghai, Yiyoshang, on the Hangchow-Ningpo railway, Singkiang, 40 miles South East of Hangchow, and Kientashun, 50 miles South East of Hangchow.

On the Fukien-Kiangsi front, the Communists say they have occupied Shao-wu and Sunchang, in North West Fukien.

Another Communist claim is the wiping out of seven brigades of the 54th Nationalist Division North of Chengsin, North of Shachih, in Fukien.—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

CABLE SHIP MEN ON STRIKE

Singapore, May 25. Malay seamen walked off the cable ship after a wages dispute today, thus delaying her departure to repair a cable between the Far East and Britain.

The ship had had an important call to mend the main Penang-Colombo undersea cable.—Reuter.

Hackney To Protect Its Jews

London, May 26.

The London district of Hackney is to take strong steps to protect its Jewish residents. As one of his first duties, the newly-elected Mayor will lead a deputation to the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, regarding alleged local attacks on Jews.

He has asked Members of Parliament and members of the Hackney Council to join the deputation, following a letter from the Divisional Education Officer describing the alleged attacks.—Reuter.

"PITIFUL" COURT CASE

"This is a rather peculiar and pitiful case," said Inspector H. Brownrigg, when a 29-year-old lorry driver, Lee Ping-chiu, charged with overloading his truck and with failing to have the load properly secured, came before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

The prosecution stated that defendant was driving lorry No. 5804 with a load of raw rubber along Des Voeux Road West.

At the junction of Eastern Road to the road side, bounding by fell from the lorry and dropped onto the road side, bounding into a basin of boiling water at a food stall. The boiling water splashed on two pedestrians, scalding them.

The two injured were a teenage girl and a boy. They had to receive medical treatment.

The weight of the load which was conveyed by defendant was found to be two tons in excess.

Defendant pleaded guilty, and the case was adjourned until today.

STOLE FROM DOCKYARD

A thirty-four year old widow, who claimed that she had two children, told the Court that her salary of \$2 a day was insufficient for her to keep her family alive when she was charged at Kowloon yesterday with stealing four packages of red lead and some split pins from the Royal Naval Dockyard on Wednesday.

Chow Mei pleaded guilty and was ordered to be bound over in a sum of \$100 for a year.

Defendant was formerly employed by the dockyard as a general cooler.

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Following are the latest contributions to the Hong Kong Naval Aid Fund:

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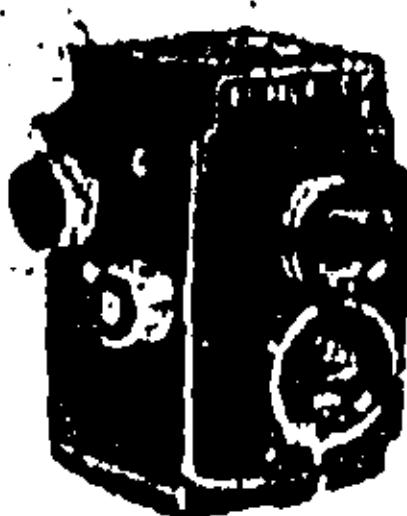
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YOUTHFUL BOWLER SHOCKS MIDDLESEX

CLASSIC BATTLE ON LINKS

Dublin, May 25.
America's challenge for the British Amateur Golf Championship is still very much in evidence on the Portmarnock links here as Frank Stranahan, the holder, and Willie Turnesa, winner two years ago, are still there.

They are the only remaining Americans, but the manner of their golf while winning their round games today stamps them as the danger which made them joint favourites before the championship started.

Yet the honours of today's play went to two young Englishmen, Ronnie White, who won the English championship earlier this year, and Laidie Lucas, the left hander, who is captain Britain's Walker Cup team against America later in the season.

White, a solicitor aged 28, held a 10 yards put on the second green for a birdie three to win what was generally regarded as a classic battle, which necessitated two extra holes.

It was a game worthy of the final and a great play that they had to meet to this early stage. No fewer than 14 holes in the round were halved and each won two to be all square at the 18th.

After another fine half at the 10th, White sank a putt to win at the 20th, after a struggle which had lasted nearly four hours.—Reuter.

Anglo-Irish Final At Harlech

Harlech, May 25.
An Anglo-Irish final in the British Women's Golf Championship will be played over 36 holes on the Royal St. David's course here tomorrow between Miss Bunty Stephens, the English native champion, and Mrs. Val Redman, Ireland's No. 2 player.

The Irish No. 1, Miss P. Garvey, champion of her country for the past three years, was overwhelmed and beaten five and four by Miss Stephens in the semi-final this afternoon.

Mrs. Redman, who jumped into the limelight as Charlie Tierman 15 years ago when she won the Irish title, beat Mrs. Cosmo Falconer, of Scotland, by three and two in her semi-final.

In the quarter-finals, Mrs. Falconer beat Miss Kerr by three and two, Mrs. Redman beat Mrs. Kyle by one hole, Miss Stephens beat Miss Howell by three and two, and Miss Garvey beat Mrs. Valentine by three and two.—Reuter.

Quarter-Finals In Paris Tourney

Paris, May 25.

The following were results of matches played in the French lawn tennis championships at the Roland Garros courts here today:

Women's Singles quarter-finals: Miss Joyce Gannon and Mrs. B. E. Hilton, (Britain) beat Miss L. Manfredi and Miss N. Migliori (Italy) 6-0, 3-0, 6-4.
Miss Joan Curry and Miss Jean Currier (Britain) beat Miss Lundy Adams and Miss Menebner (France) 6-3, 6-4.

KMB PLAYER LODGES APPEAL

Tam Ka-tsun of the Kowloon Motor Bus Second Division Soccer XI, who was sent off the field during the KMB versus South China Soccer match at Caroline Hill on April 23, has lodged an appeal against the decision of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA suspending him until September 1950.

Mr. Collins was in charge of the game, which ended in a win for KMB, by six clear goals.

The appeal will be heard by the Appeals Board at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, at the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo, Alexandra Building.

London, May 25.
Norman Nevor, 24-year-old London-born fast medium bowler, whom Middlesex allowed to join Glamorgan a year ago, started his former County at Lord's today.

He dismissed Jack Robertson, Bill Edrich and Denis Compton in five overs at a personal cost of four runs.

Middlesex had four wickets down for 32 runs in under an hour against the County champions, but then they fought back with great determination and made a splendid recovery to have 322 for nine on the board when stumps were drawn.

The Middlesex recovery began when George Mann (50) and Harry Sharp (68) added 72 for the fifth wicket, and continued with a sixth wicket partnership of 112 between Sharp and Alex Thompson (89).

The best batting performance of the day, came from Surrey's all-rounder, Harry Squires. Although not his highest innings, Squires played one of the best innings of his fine career in making 210.

He did not give a change in his stay of four hours 40 minutes. His cover drives were superb and he hit three sixes and 23 fours.

Excellent bowling and steady batting put Yorkshire in a strong position against Essex at Leeds.

Yorks' Colt
Another notable bowling success by the 19-year-old colt, Brian Close, marked the Essex luncheon.

Chiefly by off spin attack round the wicket he claimed five wickets for 58 and brought his tally in the five matches since he came into the side to 27 wickets at a cost of about 21 runs apiece.

Of the other Essex wickets Alex Coxon took four for 37, while Frank McHugh, easily the fastest bowler in the Yorkshire side for a long time, took the other four. He was making his professional debut on a pitch which looked full of runs. Kent found considerable difficulty in the left arm fast bowling of Robert Clarke, who celebrated the award of his County cap earlier in the day by taking five wickets for just under 17 runs each.

Closing Scores:
At Cambridge: Warwickshire 217 (Ord 54, Townsend 75); Cambridge University 50 for 3.
At Lord's: Middlesex 322 for 9 (Mann 50, Sharp 68, Thompson 89); Glamorgan to bat.

Derbyshire 20 for 4; At Northampton: Kent 222 (Clarke 5 for 83); Northamptonshire 90 for one.
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Mottram Loses To Drobny



Tony Mottram of England is seen in play against J. Drobny of Czechoslovakia during the Singles match in the Davis Cup tournament at Wimbledon, London. Drobny won by 6-4; 6-3; 8-6.—AP photo.

YANKEE PITCHER STRIKES OUT TWELVE BATTERS

New York, May 25.

Lefty Tommy Byrne, who can easily qualify for a job in the Bronx Zoo as tiger tamer if he ever gets tired pitching for Yankees, once again personally defeated the Bengals today.

He struck out 12 batters and drove in four runs with two well smacked doubles.

It was Byrne's fifth straight victory over Tigers in a two year span, brilliant five hitter in which he struck out at least once every man in the line-up except George Kell to achieve the highest total in the Major League this season.

The lefty from Wake Forest, North Carolina, who is developing into one of the best pitchers in the business, shot two "wrong field" doubles into deep left in the fifth and sixth innings, sending home two base runners on each occasion.

Suddenly acting like a ball club for a change, St. Louis Browns upset Boston Red Sox 6-4 as Cliff Fanning pitched four hit ball and got 13 hit support. He tired in the sixth and, with two men on base, Tom Ferrick served up a home run ball to Al Zarilla.

That was the last hit Red Sox made, for Ferrick pitched a light relief ball the rest of the way.

Jack Graham hit a St. Louis homer, but Browns got most of their runs because of a Boston error in the five run fifth. Bobby Doerr's fumble of a grounder yielded two tallies and Vern Stephens muffed a pop fly for another.

Dodgers' Rally
Dodgers came from behind to defeat Pirates 8-6 in battles of homers that gave Brooklyn a record of seven wins in nine starts on their Western road jaunt. Pirates got off to an early lead on homers by Wally Pate, Jackie Robinson and Pete Castiglione.

Jackie Robinson, getting his third homer in two days, started Dodgers off. Tom Brown and Carl Furillo got three hits apiece to pace Brooklyn's 13 hit drive on four pitchers.

Lefty Howie Pollit continued his fine comeback with a 3-0 Cardinal victory over Boston Braves in St. Louis. Cardinals bunched four of their six hits off Warren Spahn in the fourth to score all their runs.

Some daring base running enabled Chic Diering to score the first run after he doubled. Al Schoendienst singled him in and he slid in under a high throw. Stan Musial's double and Eddie Kazak's single provided two other runs.

Cubs made it two straight over Giants at Chicago, winning 3-2 as Bob Rush scattered seven hits for his record sixth victory. Herman Ketch tripped home two Cubs runs and a triple by Emil Verban plus Hank Edwards' double accounted for the others.

Rollieking Rods won their third straight victory 3-2 against Phils in Cincinnati as Bud Lively won his fourth victory.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit Tigers 2 5 1
New York Yankees 0 15 2
Tigers: p. Newhouse, Stuart; c. Swift.
Yankees: p. Byrne; c. Berra.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis Browns 8 13 1
Boston Red Sox 4 5 3
Browns: p. Fanning, Ferrick; c. Moss.
Red Sox: p. Dobson, Johnson; c. Tebbetts.

NEW YORK GAMES
Brooklyn Dodgers 8 13 2
Pittsburgh Pirates 6 8 1
Dodgers: p. Burney, Bania; c. Campanella.
Pirates: p. Lombardi, Munier; c. Rickard.

NEW YORK GAMES
New York Giants 2 7 0
Chicago Cubs 3 7 2
Giants: p. Kennedy, Berham; c. Koslo; c. Cooper.
Cubs: p. Rush; c. Novotny.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES
Philadelphia Phillies 2 8 0
Cincinnati Reds 3 6 2
Phillies: p. Hentzelman, Trinkle; c. Lopez.
Reds: p. Leiby; c. Mueller.

BOSTON BRAVES
Boston Braves 0 6 1
St. Louis Cardinals 3 0 1
Braves: p. Spahn, Hogue; c. Masi.
Cardinals: p. Pollet; c. Rice.

TOURISTS' COLLAPSE AGAINST DARK BLUES

Oxford, May 26.

The New Zealand cricket team, continuing their match against Oxford University today, collapsed in dramatic fashion and were all out for only 110 before lunch.

On a damp pitch, which delayed the resumption for half an hour, bowlers gained the ascendancy and the tourists' last seven wickets tumbled for an additional 43 runs.

When lunch was taken, the University had lost two second innings wickets for six, giving them a lead of 143 runs with eight wickets to fall.

Great catching by the University contributed to the steady fall of the tourists' wickets. Wrigley and Whitcombe made the ball lift disconcertingly, and a series of brilliant catches sent back men after men.

Smith and Donnelly left without addition to the overnight total and only Wallace stayed to bring his score to 43 before falling last out. The pace bowlers had reaped a great harvest.

OXFORD: 1st INNINGS
Boobyer b Cave 5
Hofmeyr not out 58
Wainwright b Rabone 10
Van Ryneveld b Hayes 34
Carr b Cave 6
Kardar b Smith 6
Whitcombe b Rabone 6
Wiley b Rabone 0
Law b Rabone 0
Chatterton c Reid b Rabone 0
Wrigley b Hayes 15
Extras 15
Total 247

Middleweight Prediction
New York, May 25.
Rocky Graziano, who is beginning serious training for a comeback, has been named as the world middleweight title "if Jake gets in shape."

"Rocky said 'Cerdan is an old man. Lamotta is only 26 and he will wear Cerdan's body apart.'"

No turn-up matches have been made yet for Graziano who may get a September title shot at the Cerdan-Lamotta winner.—United Press.

BOWLS TEAMS
The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club in their Lawn Bowls match against the KCC at the KCC Green, Saturday, May 26 at 4.00 p.m.
C. Carr, J. O'Grady, E. A. Mansell, B. J. Bickford (skip).
R. Selby, N. J. Bebbington (skip).
L. Strange, K. Baker, C. Strange, N. Rukens (skip).
RESERVES:
E. E. Wallwork, J. Skinner, J. J. Hamley.
Taikoo Club play their first away lawn bowls game tomorrow when they travel to meet Revere.

A truck will leave the Dockyard at 3 p.m. and all players wishing a lift should be at West Gate by that time.

The following players have been selected to represent Taikoo:
T. R. MacLean, F. S. Thomson, W. G. McKie, J. C. Chalmers (skip).
R. B. Marshall, A. Steven, J. B. Baxter, J. H. Kinniburgh (skip).
J. H. McLeod, J. A. Smith, C. B. W. McLeod (skip).

Last week the spoon winners in the Wappenschow were B. Billimore, G. W. Paterson, W. McLeod (skip).

USRC TOURNEY
The United Services Recreation Club will hold Ladies' Singles and Doubles, Men's Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles Spring tournament if sufficient entries are obtained.

Entries for all these events can be made on the forms on the Club's notice board and will close by Sunday, May 29.

CCC BOWLS
Craigengower Cricket Club has already invited entries for its Annual Bowls tournament which will consist of Open Singles, Junior Singles, Open pairs (to be drawn), and Open Pinks (to be drawn). Entries close on June 15.

Chinese Soccer XI In Macao
Macao, May 26.
The Combined Chinese soccer team which visited Macao last week-end won their first match against a Combined Macao XI by one clear goal.

Lee Ping-chiu netted the winning goal for the Chinese in the second half.

On Monday, the Chinese went down to Macao Police for four goals to two in a fast and interesting game before a large crowd at the Macao Sports Ground.

At the interval, Macao Police were leading by four goals to one. Carliho (2), Samos (1) and Pacheco (1) netted for Macao. Police, while Chu Wing-keung scored for the Chinese, Ramon placed the ball into his own net to give the Chinese their second goal.—Our Macao Correspondent.

YORKSHIRE CUP
York, May 25.
Lord Allendale's Woodburn won the Yorkshire Cup run over two miles here today.

Sir Percy Lorraine's Riding Mill was second and Sir Humphrey de Trafford's La Fontaine third. There were six runners.—Reuter.

Today's League Matches
Mixed Doubles "B" Division
CRC v CCC
URC v HRU
KCC v LRC

Men's "A" Division
CRC beat HKC, 7-1-1.
Lee Wai-long and Tsui Wai-pai beat H. A. Ayres and M. Heenan 6-2, beat J. Sellers and J. B. Hawthorn 6-4, beat J. D. Mackie and D. Yung-pai and Choy Tin-tok took with Ayres and Heenan 6-0, beat Hawthorn and Sellers 6-3, beat Mackie and Nolan 6-2, beat Yung-wing and Wong Shiu-wing lost to Ayres and Heenan 2-6, beat Hawthorn and Sellers 6-2, beat Mackie and Nolan 6-2, beat Yung-pai and Choy Tin-tok 6-1.

K. H. Ip and T. T. Chen beat Gonsalves and T. E. Rodrigues 6-2, beat W. A. Reed and G. N. Oosano 6-1, beat F. M. Ribeiro and A. J. Remedios 6-0.

David Choy and Edward Choy beat Gonsalves and Rodrigues 6-3, beat Reed and Gonsalves 6-2, beat Ribeiro and Remedios 6-1.

Roch Leung and Kwok Hing-cheung beat Gonsalves and Rodrigues 6-2, lost to Reed and Gonsalves 4-6, lost to Ribeiro and Remedios 6-4.

KCC beat HKC, 5-1-3.
E. C. Finch and Capt. Turner took with T. T. Lim and T. Lo 6-0, lost to D. Lo and N. 1-6, beat S. F. Lam and T. H. Ip 6-1.

L. F. Stokes and F. R. Kermant beat Lim and Lo 6-3, lost to Lo and Lo 1-6, beat Lam and Ip 6-1.

T. E. Baker and A. Fung beat Lim and Lo 6-4, lost to Lo and Lo 4-6, beat Lam and Ip 6-1.

Ladies' "A" Division
IRC lost CRC 7-2.
Mrs. Slater and Mrs. Cooper beat Miss Choy Wai-woon and Miss Mok Wan-king 6-1, beat Mrs. T. F. Lo and Miss Lau Haw-ye 6-1, beat Mrs. Enid Lo Litton and Mrs. Choy Kwok-wing 6-3, beat Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Strobach beat Miss Choy and Miss Mok 6-1, beat Mrs. Lo and Miss Lou 6-4, lost to Mrs. Lo Litton and Mrs. Choy 2-6.

Mrs. Getz and Mrs. Tamworth lost to Miss Choy and Miss Mok 6-4, beat Mrs. Lo and Miss Lou 6-4, beat Mrs. Lo Litton and Mrs. Choy 6-4.

KCC beat URC 6-3.
Miss P. J. Ward and Mrs. L. F. Stokes beat Mrs. N. Jones and Mrs. G. T. G. Williams 6-4, beat Miss B. Bernard and Mrs. L. Eastbrook 6-0, beat Miss J. Scott and Mrs. A. S. Hall 6-3.

Mrs. Lablane and Mrs. Hetherington beat Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Williams 6-4, lost to Miss Bernard and Mrs. Eastbrook 4-0, beat Miss Scott and Mrs. Hall 7-5.

Mrs. Laws and Mrs. Labret beat Mrs. Lo and Mrs. Alexander 6-1, beat Mrs. Williams 4-6, lost to Miss Bernard and Mrs. Eastbrook 2-0, beat Miss Scott and Mrs. Hall 6-2.